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ARUNDEL CASTLE
SO LONG CALLED OUR
OLD ENGLISH
HOME - 1500

1602-WILLIAM LEWIS-1671

OF

Stoke-by-Nayland, England

AND

Some of his Ancestors and Descendants

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*"It is a reverent thing to see an ancient castle or building
and no decay, or to see a fair timber tree sound and perfect;
how much more to behold an ancient Family which has stood
against the waves and weathers of Time?"*

SIR FRANCIS BACON



Lewis Walpole Seal

WALPOLE

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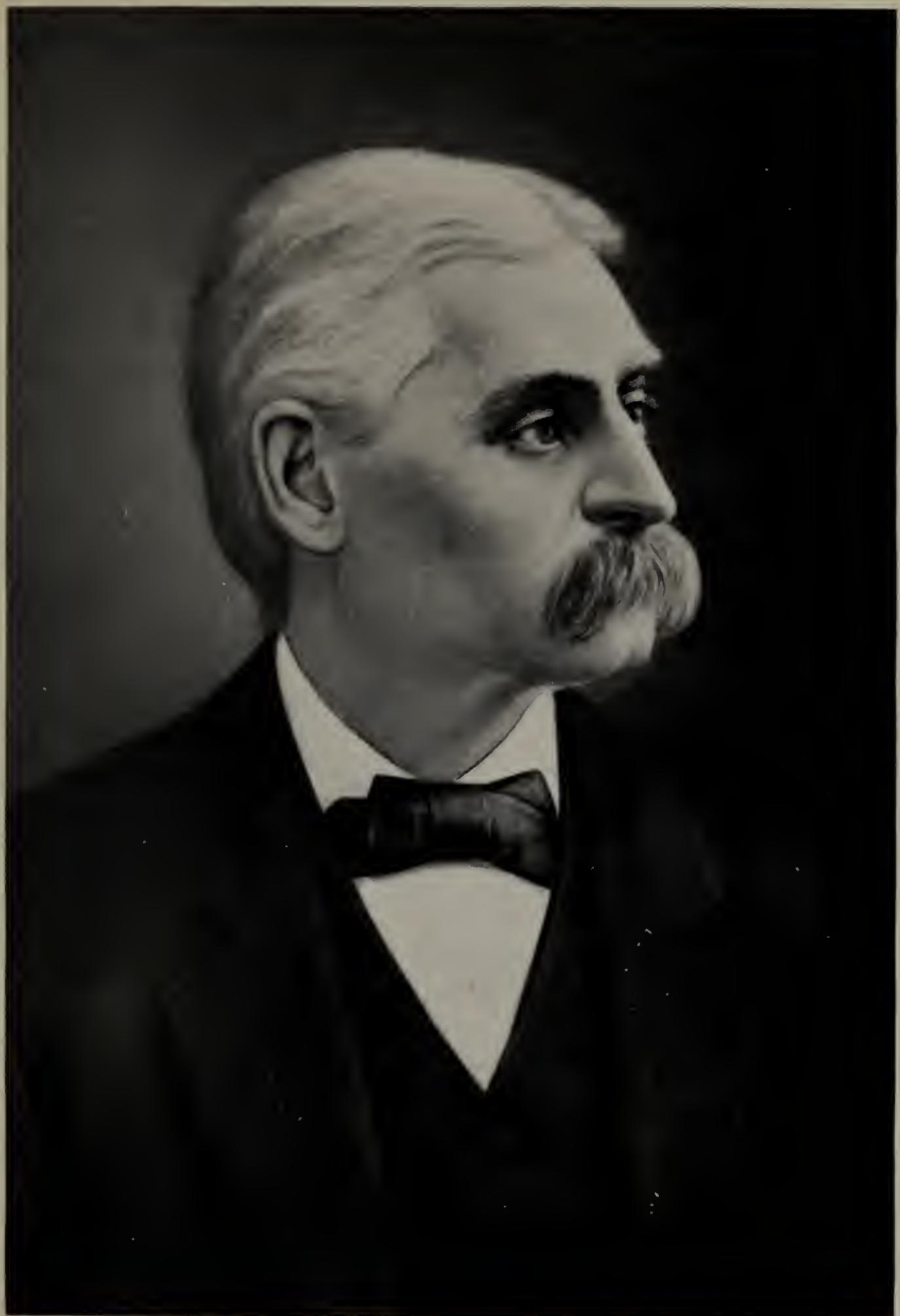
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A WISH AND MESSAGE ON AN 83D CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY.

In the light of the Christmas candletime,
I am thinking of you dear friends of mine;
I think and think till the candles glow
With the beauty and color of long ago:
And my thoughts grow great with my wish of cheer
For you at this Christmastime of year.

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Isaac Newton Lewis.

DEDICATION
FROM
SALUTATORY AND VALEDICTORY
OF
WALPOLE'S BICENTENNIAL ODE
1924

“ God of the Universe, sole guide of Our Fathers ever
 unfailing in cloud or in sun,
Be now with their children here festally assembled.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.
Ten score years ago, through Heaven, our forefathers
 formed this town,
Took the name of Robert Walpole, then prime minister
 to their Crown:
So today in grateful homage, drawn from many distant
 climes,
With old memories freshly stirring flock we gladly to
 their shrines.
Sound! sound! bell, drum and trumpet! Fling to
 breeze our starry pride,
Loyal hearts are come in greeting. Welcome, Welcome,
 far and wide!

Hail! then honored guest and Governor, Common-
 wealth's rare gift to man.
Hail! Right Reverend son of Albion, our famed name-
 sake's kin and land.

Hail! then Dedham, blest old mother, so oft known of
genuine worth.

Hail! fond watchful, wistful sisters, types of staunch
New England birth;

And you fearless sea tossed founders whom no tyrant
could make quail,

You, our sainted, brave first mothers, true and patient,
Hail! Hail! Hail!

Hail! then, hail! then, venerable Walpole, may Heaven
bless your future years!

Home of our fathers, native home, home of anxious
hopes and fears,

I now near the silent sea and the Hand that leads all
o'er,

Visions dim far beckon me, hushed the pathway, calm
the shore.

Thou wilt bide when I am gone, hold to honor, merit
praise.

Though men rob thee, though disgrace thee
Upward, onward, thy 'Length of Days.' "

PATRIOT'S MEMORIAL BRIDGE ODE

WALPOLE, 1924

I

Over this ancient spring fed mill stream named by
founders Allspice Brook
Hastening onward through its meadows down Nepon-
set to the Sea,
Where Heaven's breezes chant their requiem, and God's
sunshine overlooks
Raise we shrine to all who made us " Home of the brave,
land of the free."

II

From Port Royal to France, so helpless, two long cen-
turies we have striven,
Early forth in strength of manhood to do battle for the
right;
Liberty, justice, home and country freely to all people
given,
Ever leading, never faltering, to be worthy in God's
sight.

III

Have you not tears? Then shed them now. Think of
fallen here today.

It was you for whom they suffered, though fair free-
dom, slave and France.

Pause and think. — War's struggling, suffering, bleed-
ing, dying maybe but God's way

When great blessings fail to move us, that mankind and
world advance.

IV

Only a bridge, yet God of the patriot, bless it, accept it,
make it Thine.

Aching hearts have long craved offering. Guard it,
keep it for all time.

ROLL OF HONOR

EARLY INDIAN WARS

WILLIAM —

JOHN —

KING WILLIAM'S WAR

BARACHIAH, 1690

QUEEN ANNE'S WAR — 1707

CAPT. BARACHIAH

LOUISBURG EXPEDITION

WILLIAM, 1745 —

JOHN —

ABNER —

CROWN POINT, 1755-63

SERGT. WILLIAM —

JOHN —

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

JOHN —

JOSEPH —

WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE

ANDREW —

ISAAC —

DAVID —

JOHN JR. —

THOMAS —

TIMOTHY —

WAR OF INDEPENDENCE 1812

AARON —

ISAAC —

JASON —

JOHN —

ROLL OF HONOR

BLACK HAWK

SERGT. WILLIAM —

BENJAMIN —

WARREN —

BRADFORD —

JASON —

CIVIL WAR

MAJ. DAVID W. —

JOHN W. —

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BURN, COL. WILLIS W. STOVER, AND WARREN E. SWEETSER AND
OTHERS, AND A MINUTE MAN OF THE SAME WORLD WAR, FUR-
NISHING THE FIRST MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO OUR MEN IN CAMP
AND ABROAD.

ISAAC NEWTON LEWIS

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ETONIAN PORTRAIT OF SIR ROBERT WALPOLE, ILLUSTRIOUS NAMESAKE
OF THE TOWN

Presented to the town on its 168th anniversary by Isaac Newton Lewis

PREFACE

EIGHTY-THREE YEARS ago Christmas at the corner of old Isaac Lewis Lane and East Street, in the Easterly part of Walpole, Mass., known as the Old Indian Reservation, where opposite a Square my father Sergt. William Lewis of the Walpole Light Infantry had some fifteen years before established a permanent home, were unexpectedly brought two rather unusual Christmas offerings, myself from my mother, and the old 1744 family Edinburgh Bible, a Lewis family heirloom, by my widowed grandmother, Susannah (*Ware*) Lewis, living two doors away. I was helpless, nameless and speechless, and on the strength of her gift my grandmother was allowed to designate the much needed name for identification. I could not be called after my father as my elder brother had been so named. The name of her deceased husband, Isaac, was already annexed to one of her still living sons. Fortunately at the time the world was celebrating the birth of another Christmas child then well known and honored, the eminent English scientist, Sir Isaac Newton, so my grandmother felt it a divine interposition so that she might still call me after her husband, Isaac, by happily joining it to the honored Newton, Isaac Newton Lewis. I then thus became, and Isaac Newton I shall thus remain whether in Old England or in America.

That old Lewis Bible, the Bible of Isaac and Mary (Whiting) Lewis, was the stimulus of my little Family History, "In Memoriam," of my Harvard College

Junior year, which I am trying herewith to enlarge and extend. This old Bible now rests with an old Payson one and others much older in the Walpole Public Library for safe keeping.

I must not pass by this birth episode with no word about the strange conditions in Walpole during my childhood and youth. It was the time of "Slavery Agitation" and its bitter sequences. All was excitement, confusion and unrest. Household was arrayed against household, neighbor against neighbor, pastor against people, old friend against friend. My parents and most of my relations decried human slavery, and sincerely sympathized with the man in forced bondage. Our common perusal was the following:

"Resistance to Lincoln is obedience to God," on the one side, and on the other as, promptly ignored, the appeal,

"Again would I plead the cause of the injured slave and his guilty master. I now ask you to look forward to the fast approaching realities of the judgment day when God shall judge the secrets of man without respect of Persons and answer me. Shall I plead in vain? Will you shield your conscience from all the shafts of truth which may be directed towards it by urging the oft repeated objection that the slaves are well used, contented and happy, and all accounts of their wretchedness are false or exaggerated? If so, stop a moment and ask yourself who has the greatest facilities for making his own story heard, the master or the slave? Who are those that control the great avenues leading to the public mind? Who edit the papers? Who circulate them? Who are they that make speeches in Congress and frank them to all parts of the Union? Are they slaves or are they masters? Who have rewards and honors to bestow upon their advocates? Who have Presidential votes to give? Who occupy the seats of the President, Senators, Representatives, Governors, and Judges? The slaves or the masters? When travellers go to the South, at whose tables do they sit, whose beds do they occupy, whose wine



SERGT. WILLIAM LEWIS

First Organist and Bass Violist of Orthodox Church, Walpole

do they drink, whose story do they hear, threats do they dread? The slaves, or the masters? Of the travellers that come to the North who are found in intimate communion with our distinguished men, who crowd our stages, cars, steamboats and hotels? Who have money to spend and fortunes to give, and beautiful daughters with their splendid dowers to be wooed and won? The slaves or the masters? On whom do our Northern merchants, editors, publishers of books and papers, officers of colleges and theological schools, teachers, lawyers, and ministers, depend for patronage and support? On the slaves or the masters? In view of these things can we expect that a thousandth part of the wrongs, cruelties and indignities suffered by the slaves will be permitted to come to our knowledge? Will not everything that can be said in favor of the master, and against the slave be carried on breeze, and multiplied by echoes from every stone and from every hill? From which side are we to make deductions for interest, personal feeling, party spirit, or virtual bribery on the part of the witnesses? I might go much farther, but here is enough.

Let us remember that we shall meet each other soon, and those for whom we are called upon to labor at the Bar of our Heavenly Father and their Father, and act so that we may rejoice to hear our Savior say "Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

Such moving appeals from prominent Anti-slavery men were often followed by pictures of runaway slaves with the descriptions:

"FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD —

Run away from the subscriber, his Negro Man, a laborer, commonly called Paul. I understand Gen. R. Y. Havne has purchased his wife and children from H. L. Pinckney, Esq., and has them now on his plantation at Goose Creek, where no doubt the fellow is frequently lurking. The above reward will be paid on his being lodged in the workhouse of Charleston, or gaol at Georgetown. All persons are cautioned against harboring him under penalty of the law.
T. Davis "

"STOP THE RUNAWAY — \$25. REWARD —

Run away from the Eagle Tavern, a Negro fellow named Nat. He is a carpenter by trade, and has an intelligent countenance. He is a shrewd, sensible negro, and is, NO DOUBT, attempting to follow his wife who was lately sold to a speculator named "Redmond." The above reward will be paid by Mrs. Lucy M. Downman, Sussex County, Va."

"TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS REWARD —

Run away from the Subscriber, a Negro woman named Matilda. It is thought she may be somewhere up James River, or lurking above the Basin, as she was claimed as a wife by some boatman in Goochland.

J. Alvis "

"Gen. Wade Hampton died at Columbia, S. C. aged 80. He was a soldier in the Revolution and afterwards became very wealthy, and was said to be the owner of 1500 slaves."

Besides all this my father took Garrison's *Liberator* and other anti-slavery periodicals. Turn whatever way we would we sensitive and innocent children had to face a condition of bitter feeling and animosity never known before. We simply had to grin and bear it, and grin and bear it we did. The Plimptons, and a few other manufacturers and all of their employees, relatives and friends whose trade greatly suffered from the slavery agitation soon became our bitterest opponents and torments. Deacon Jeremiah Allen, Frank W. Bird, his daughter Mary, and the ministers Storer and Bigelow, and my mother's deacon and Selectman uncle of Roxbury, seemed to be our only bright lights and comforts.

In spite of all this bitterness and cruelty when any escaped slave entered Walpole we children were the first to meet or greet them. To my last hour I shall see before me old Mother Tubman speechless from grief, sob-



DEACON JEREMIAH ALLEN



DEACON WILLARD LEWIS

MISS MARY R. BIRD



HON. FRANCIS W. BIRD

*Manufacturer and man eminent in affairs of
the town and state*



bing so she could not stand, as she tried to make us know her sorrows. We had other escaped slaves but few more pitiable. Fred Douglas with his lithe limbs and shock of prematurely gray hair always brought rather admiration not pity, akin to our feeling later at seeing Colonel Robert Shaw at the head of our first colored regiment on Boston Common with Governor Andrew and Adj. General Schouler. The fact that my father had been the Drill Master of Walpole's resplendent company of Light Infantry whose gorgeous uniforms were then well known, and usually wore a long Napoleon cloak, generally gave us courage and assurance to go any where and face any danger of the time. My first memory of him is in that imposing old cloak with his precious old bass viol, as he strode off into the dark night to lead the church choir more than a mile away, in its weekly rehearsal.

But after the failure of the then new Republican political party to elect Fremont and Dayton in 1856, and Buchanan and the pro-slavery party took command at Washington, our troubles began to thicken. Personal animosity became unbearable. Child as I was, on all sides of me I was greeted as a "Nigger Man." Human fiendishness knew no bounds. Within a very few years I have been assailed in that same criminal fiendish animosity, but I ignored it as the act of a half demented wretch who on return to reason would make due apology, which he strangely but amply did.

But then all through Lincoln's two administrations I was called "Black Republican," "Nigger," and "darky help." "Abe Lincoln would never set foot in the White House. If my mother would be so foolish as to send two of her sons to save the Union she deserved

to find them both shot down, and never come home again." The amusing part of this whole matter is that the vociferous political bets by the same torments have remained unpaid to this day, and many have taken refuge and shelter in my own Republican fold.

In closing I must relate another strange episode of this agitated period. After my family had been securely domiciled here over a hundred years, the Plimpton family moved into Walpole, the oldest son of which soon married into one branch of our family. This son Calvin, deciding it best to have his home near his factory, then purchased a part of the Isaac Lewis estate at the foot of the Isaac Lewis Lane, and built an attractive house thereon. Seeing which, a younger brother, Henry M. Plimpton by name, eager to rope in as much territory as he could see around him to form a coveted Plimptonville after himself and his family, began calling this Lewis territory a part of his Plimptonville possessions. Of course the wife of Calvin, a loyal Lewis by birth, naturally objected, and in no uncertain terms, and to the credit of Calvin, her husband, he stood loyally by her side. She vowed that never would she or any of her children so insult her family. Thus no Lewis land ever came into Plimptonville, though many sly attempts have been made to give the opposite impression by plans and maps.

As Biddeford, Pepperelboro and Saco, Maine, have just closed their 300th Anniversary, and as they constitute nearly all of the four by eight miles grant to our Thomas Lewis in 1629, the wording of the original grant is here given.

" To all Christian Peoples to whom this present writing shall come; the Council for the Affairs in New England, in considera-



EARLY PORTRAIT OF ISAAC NEWTON
LEWIS

On graduation from Harvard College



OLD MASSACHUSETTS HALL, HARVARD COLLEGE

The Educational home of the writer.



tion that Thomas Lewis, Gentleman, hath already been at the charge to transport himself and others to take a view of New England for the bettering of his experience, in the advancing of a Plantation, and doth now wholly intend, by God's assistance, to plant there both for the good of his Majesty's realms and for the propagation of the Christian Religion among other infidels, together with Capt. Richard Bonythan, their associates, have undertaken, at their own proper cost and charges to transport fifty persons therein within seven years, have given all that part of the main land, commonly called and known by the name of Sagadahock, containing, in breadth, from North East to South West, along by the sea, four miles in a straight line, amounting to nineteen hundred and three score yards, according to the Standard of England, to every mile, and eight English miles upon the main land upon the North side of the River Sagadahock; he and they paying unto our Sovereign Lord, the King, one fifth part, of gold and silver, one other fifth part to the Council aforesaid."

This deed was signed by Edmund Gorges, and the Rev. William Blaxton of Boston named attorney for the Council. Thirty-two square miles all of Saco included on the records including those of our family. The Thomas of our family appears as Gentleman in some places and records, then a term of superior distinction, in other places.

ISAAC NEWTON LEWIS

Walpole, Mass.

Christmas, 1931.

CHAPTER I

EAST ANGLIA

SOME fourteen hundred years ago, a small fleet of long, flat-bottom boats loaded with a hardy, adventurous troop of particularly blonde and bold human type from Anglein, now German Sleswic, obviously intent on adventure and gain, violently boarded the low lying Eastern shore of unprotected England and drove all before it far inland. By this act of the Angles or Engles, as they were often called, England gained a permanent name both for country and numerous people, England and English. This East Anglia folk as it was called, established its Capital at Thetford, and divided itself into the Northfolk and Southfolk, which are now known as Norfolk and Suffolk counties, the former the early home of the Walpole family (Earl of Orford), the latter for generations the home of our Lewis family and the native place of our first American ancestor, William Lewis. The soil has a rich chalky foundation making an agricultural country long famous for its horses, cattle, swine and garden products. Bury-St. Edmunds was for generations its most famous religious seat, after whose sainted founder the grandfather of our first American ancestor seems to have taken his baptismal name, Edmund. It may prove most interesting to those of the Lewis family who are inclined to boast to read about a William Lewis in *Visitations of Shropshire, England*; the *History of the House of Arundel* down to most of the crowned heads of Europe.

In all my trips abroad I have yet been unable to find an earlier record in this Edmund's family than that of the baptism of his little daughter who was baptized, and named after Queen Elizabeth in 1559. The Gentleman or Honorable Thomas Lewis is often mentioned. He may be the well-known Patentee of Saco, Me. He was evidently one of our family. Long before the parish records began, our part of England was especially favored by the establishment of a major institution of learning close by at Cambridge, from which during the one hundred years prior to the birth of our first American ancestor some twenty-five of the Lewis family honorably graduated; among them were ten William, five John, two Samuel, one Christopher, one David, and one Thomas Lewis. How early our William made the acquaintance of Gov. John Winthrop, whose native place was close by, or with his old pastor, Rev. John Eliot whom he soon followed to Massachusetts Bay is now unknown. The same may well be said of Gov. Richard Bellingham whom he calls in his last will and testament his "Honored Friend." It must have been before our Bay State Charter was brought to America. One early writer claimed that William Lewis had been in New England before this, but this was soon after denied by another. Thomas Lewis, the Patentee of Saco, Me. was as early here as any. Edmund Lewis, cousin of William, with his wife and son John took passage on the "Elizabeth" of Ipswich, the nearest home port and arrived at Watertown, Mass., in 1634 and the next year moved to Lynn. Both had been born under Queen Elizabeth, who had ruled by the love and appreciation of her people, but they had grown up under a very different ruler. Before her successor, James I had crossed

the border he was heard condemning his deceased predecessor's mild ways with her subjects. He soon turned the country into confusion and distress. His will was to be the law in both church and state. The property and services of his subjects could be taken at any moment to satisfy his mere wants. He would abolish Parliament, prevent free choice of both education and religion and demand instant aid at will. The Lewis family were all owners of both free and copyhold realty, and their crops and cattle always in plain sight for the King's instant seizure. The whole country about Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire soon finding home conditions intolerable, sought peace and safety in the wilds of the great unknown west. The shipping port of the Lewises was but a short distance away down the River Stour, and aged parents already at rest in the old parish churchyard, they hopefully entrusted their all to their long trusted "Elizabeth," though but a frail bark, in a long, frightful experience on the ocean.

CHAPTER II

WHILE good Queen Bess, in 1602, propped in her chair, refusing both bed and food, awaiting in her loneliness and melancholy the fate of all mortals which came the next year, Eleanor Lewis, not far distant in Stoke-by-Nayland, a thriving town on the North bank of the Stour River, Suffolk County, presented her husband William Lewis with a son who was in after years to become our first American ancestor. John Winthrop, some years later Governor of Massachusetts Bay, was running around, a lad of eight years in the near-by hamlet of Groton, and John Eliot in Widford a little to the west. The whole country around was then happy and prosperous. The Lewis family possessed of both free and copyhold lands, with their flocks and herds, little dreamed of the sad change which was in the wake of their loved Queen's death. The lad William Jr. however, like most around him, grinned and bore it until in 1621 he sought sympathy and comfort in a wife, Lydia Morse, daughter of Richard Morse of his native place. May 21st, 1623 was born a son William. There is no account of his death though there is of a little daughter named for the mother, Lydia, under date of Feb. 23, 1626. Thus he fared until the death of his father William, in 1634, and his mother Elinor in 1635. The last will and testament of William Lewis, Senior is as follows:

" In the Name of God, Amen. The second day of June in the year of our Lord 1634, I, William Lewes of the Town of Stoke, in



RICHARD BELLINGHAM
Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony 1641. Owner of
Nearly all the Present City of Chelsea to 1638

part of Woburn the historic Hamlet
so called by Thomas Brattle
Capt. Will of Woburn to 1640 our first
Antislavery Amistad.



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the County of Suffolk, husbandman, being sick in body, but of perfect memory, thanks be given to God, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following: First I commend my Soul to God, Creator, trusting that by the merits of Jesus Christ, to enjoy everlasting life at the Resurrection of the just, and my Body to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, and for that portion of worldly goods that God hath given me, I bequeath in manner and form as follows: First I bequeath to Ellen, my wife, my house and tenement being in Stoke, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging both free and copy, during her natural life and at the end of the same, to my son William and Lydia, his wife, and to the longer lived of them both, and after their decease to my grandchild William, their son, and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever, and if it so happen he depart this life before me I will and bequeath the said House and all the appurtenances to my grandchild Joseph and his heirs forever. Also I will and bequeath to my son William my bald colt, and to my grandchild William my black sheep and her lambs, and to my grandchild Joseph my broad Hutch standing in the parlour, and for all the rest of my moveable goods I give to Ellen my wife, whom I make Sole Executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Sealed and subscribed in the presence of us, George Pratt and Simon Hall."

This testator, William Lewis, the father of our first American ancestor, was the son of Edmund Lewis, Gentleman of Stoke, and was baptized there Feb. 16th 1563. His wife Elinor or Ellen as this will calls her, mother of our first American ancestor, and daughter of William Taylor, survived her husband but a year. Robert, the son of our William, also. But his place was taken by another daughter, named for her mother, Lydia, who was so cruelly to suffer years after at the hands of American savages. Two years later William's son John was born, fated to suffer from the same savages but to

escape with his life. So to be more brief let the following be the record:

1602 WILLIAM LEWIS 1671

Children by wife LYDIA MORSE

1. William, b. Stoke May 21, 1623
2. Robert, b. (?), d. Mar. 16th, 1635
3. Lydia, b. Feb. 1625, d. 1627
4. Lydia, b. Oct. 1634, m. M. McLeod of Lancaster
5. John b. Stoke, Nov. 5th 1636
6. Christopher, b. 1638

Children by wife AMY WELD

7. Josiah, in America, July 28th 1641
8. Isaac b. in Boston, April 14th, 1644
9. Mary, b. Aug. 21, 1646, m. Capt. John White of Lancaster
10. Hannah b. Mar. 18th 1648

In 1644 John Graves, who had come over in 1635, and taken up his homestead near the corner of what is now the corner of Heath Street and Day in Roxbury, died, and our William Lewis took immediate possession; and by purchases from Capt. Hugh Prichard increased his estate there to over forty acres. In the first book of Suffolk records, put into print in 1879 by the writer and some of his other lawyer friends in Boston, appears the following record of William's Roxbury estate. That of his Boston estate cannot now be found.

" House & barn & 5 A., a lane leading to a great pond on the W^m Peleg Heath Es.; a lane to the marsh of W^m Heath deceased; N. part of said land was some time in possession of John Graves,

26A & 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ E. bounded by Peleg Heath. W. highway from house of W^m Lewis toward the great pond; S.—a lane from Stony river to Marsh of W^m Heath, N."

It was all in sight of Rev. John Eliot's church, so by 1640 Eliot, according to his church records, states that William Lewis and his wife Amy are permanently established near Eliot Square and are attendants on his preaching. Both John Eliot and William Lewis had lived in Boston before settling in Roxbury, and William's son Isaac Lewis, though born in Boston in 1644, was not baptized by Eliot until later in Roxbury.

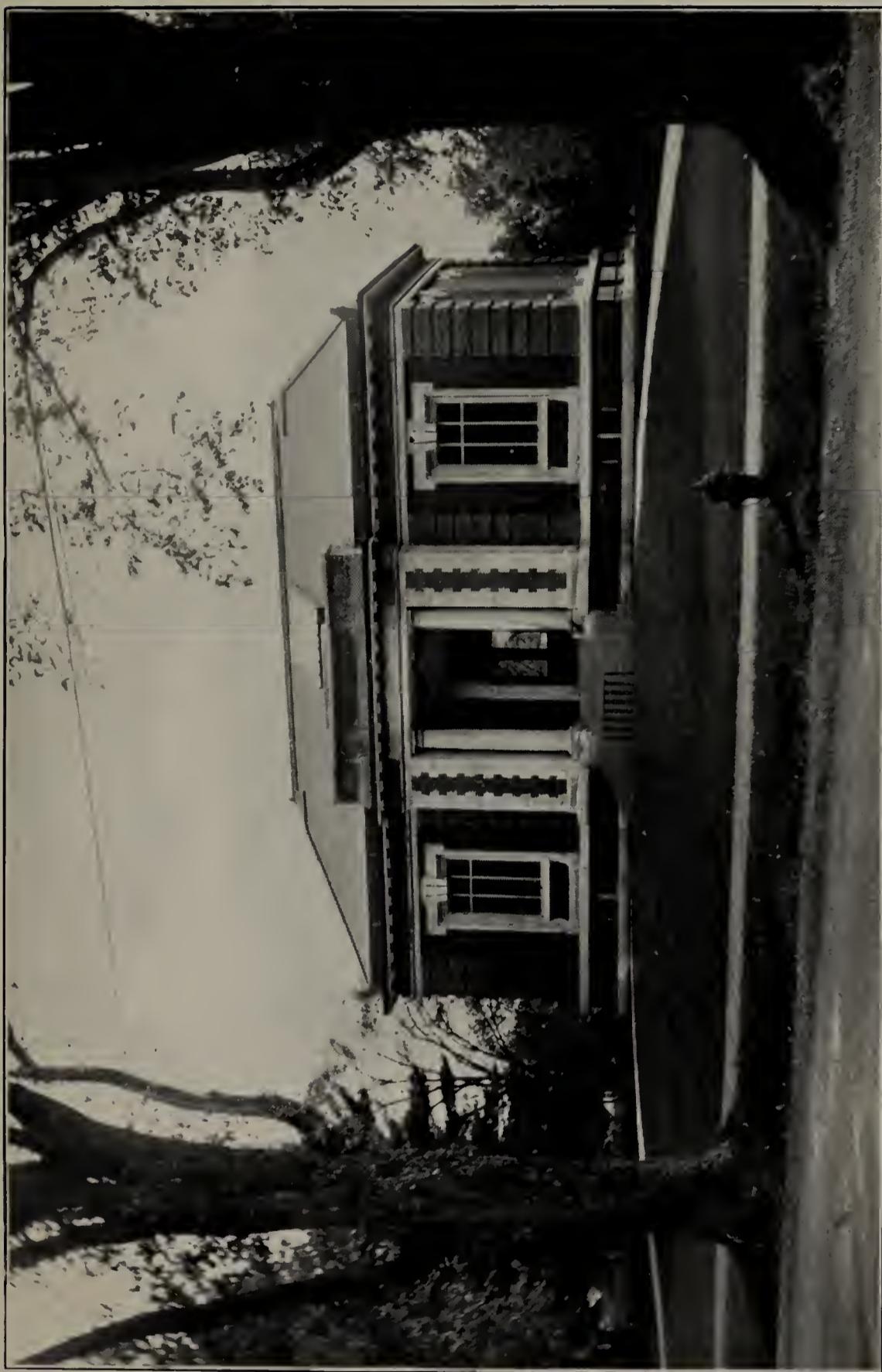
The first attempt to settle the Colony of Massachusetts Bay was made by Roger Conant and a few others for trade and fishing in 1623 at Cape Ann, but future success of their hardy enterprise obliged them finally to move a few miles away to Salem territory, where by 1628 substantial help arrived from England. Boston and Roxbury were still unsettled. In 1630 the newly appointed Governor, John Winthrop moved to Charlestown, and to secure better drinking water, crossed over into Shawmut or Boston. Up the Charles River at a place they named Newtown, afterwards Cambridge, they planned to have their General Court and chief town, but soon Winthrop and Dudley came to a serious disagreement, and abandoned Newtown, Winthrop going back to Boston, and Dudley going to found Roxbury. This all occurred before our ancestor's arrival.

The Colony's Charter was to "the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay in New England," and none but Freemen had right to vote or hold office, so the most important act of our ancestor after his arrival was to take formal oath and become a Freeman of the

Colony, in other words a legal member of the Company, which he did in 1642.

Four years later the captain of the town, Joseph Weld, died leaving our ancestor a legacy, and referring to him in his will as brother William Lewis, which has led to the inference that the wife Amy Lewis was originally a Weld.

The death of this captain left a vacancy hard to fill. He had been the keeper of Anne Hutchinson, and two strong candidates, one Dennison, a follower of Oliver Cromwell, supported by the young men of the town; the other our ancestor's close friend, and probably a relative, Hugh Prichard, backed by the older citizens. Hugh Prichard won and filled the office until the struggle between Charles I. and Cromwell in 1651 called him home to Denbeigh, Wales. His opponent Dennison went over also but to fight for Cromwell, while our ancestor remained to help start a much needed public school and keep the town running until one of the Dorchester planters, losing the town lands there in 1653 purchased his 40 acre Roxbury estate and made it possible for him to join a hardy band about to found a border town to be named Lancaster. Both he and his son John signed the new town's compact, paid their share for the Indian purchase, and received their legal allotment of beautiful upland and meadow, the finest in the Colony. Here William was rated third in point of wealth, and here he built his home buildings and stockade so soon to be laid waste by the fiendish savages. During the eighteen years however which he lived here he served in the Train Band; on the Grand Jury; forced the Colony to keep its highways in passable repair; secured as minister the sole graduate of Harvard College



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in the 1652 class for church and teacher for the children, and in many other useful ways fulfilled a worthy citizen's duty.

In 1671 he fell sick and never recovered, was buried in the burial ground where but few had preceded him, leaving the following last will and testament:

Lancaster 21st November, 1671

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LEWIS

I, William Lewies being weake in body yet of sufficient ability as to understanding and memory at present through Divine goodness unto me, desire to set my house in order, that this being done I may be further prepared for Godes wille in my expected change.

Imprimis, I commit my bodie to the dust to be decently buryed in the comon buryal place of ye Towne, & my soule unto God who gave it, & redeemed it by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Item, as for ye house and accommodations thereunto belonging, my wille is y^t Amy my wife shall be and abide as a freeholder of my dwelling house during her naturall life, or as long as it shalle seeme good to herselfe to doe, and y^t w^t land and meadow is not mentioned in this my wille as given to my children is hereby also engaged unto my wife, to be at her dispose for her comfortable subsistence, according to the best discretion of the overseers, viz: Major Simon Willard, Joseph Rowlandson, Serjant Wm. Kerly, and Sarjent Henery Kerly, and all this during the time of her naturall life. The household stufte and moveables allso being at her disposing.

Item, my will is that Isack my sonne shall be disposed of my housing and accommodations thereunto belonging after my wife's decease, except such as are already given by deed of Gift or is after excepted in this my will onely my wife is to have besides w^t is above expressed as given to her, one halfe of the fruiete of the orchard which is now at her own dispose.

Item, my will is that my sonne Jno. and Isack shall have my Meadow known by the name of Brooke Meadow, not yet laid out, equally divided betwixt them, with all the divisions either

of upland and meadow, by an equall division to be to them and either of them as their proper rights.

Item, my will is that my three daughters, Lidia, Mary, and Hannah shall have thirty pounds paid them by my sonne Isack, that is ten to each of them, that is to say fifty shillings within one year after my wife's decease to Lidia, fifty more to my daughter Mary within two yeares, fifty to Hannah within three yeares, and a like sume till all the Legacie be paid in the order mentioned.

Item, my will is that in all difficult cases betwixt my wife and children, or among themselves, my above-named overseers are to be consulted with, and they determine according unto God as to what I have bequeathed to them or either of them.

Item, whereas I have a deed under the Honour'd Governor, Mr. Richard Bellingham, Esqr., his hand, of a peece of land in the limitts of Boston, my will is that my heyres either observe the condicions of s^d deed as to building, or else to return s^d deed to him my honour'd friend againe, and in case any my sons go forth to build on the said land, and make use of any part of my estate, about the said worke, whichsoever of them so doeth he is to be responsible to my wife for so much as he expends of the estate I leave her possessed of.

Finally, my will is that my loving wife and Isack my sonne be joynt executors of this my last will and testament.

In token y^t this is my last wille and Testament I have put to my hand and seale the day and yeare expressed.

In presence of us,

Ralph Houghton.

The Marke ou James □ Atherton.

As some of the testator's children, as the will relates, had previously received deeds of gift and consequently do not appear in the will, the will of their cousin Thomas James who had lived with them in Roxbury and Lancaster, as he mentions others of William's family, is here added.

The last will and testament of Thomas James of Lancaster, who being sick of body, but sound of memory, and understanding,

first I do give my soule unto the Lord, and my body unto the grave, and the little posession of goods and lands the Lord hath bestowed upon me I do leave, give & bequeath as hereinafter followeth; first I do bequeath unto my cousin Isake Lewis my two years old heiffer I call Blackamoore; next I do give and bequeath unto my Cousin Lidea Lewis one parcel of a peece of serge four yards and a haffe & also one cow I call Short Horne; next I do give & bequeath unto my cousin Mary Lewis my yearling heiffer; and I do also give & bequeath unto my cousin Hannah Lewis the first calf any of my cowes may bring forth & alsoe one sowe; next I do give & bequeath unto my cousin Christopher Lewis my oldest cowe; and next concerning my wiffe which if living for anything I know, is in old England, I do give & bequeath what Housing & land I have in old England to dispose of as she pleases, and if she come into this country, to have her Right according as the Law of this Country hath provided, and if it should be so that she be dead then it is my will and mind that the Housings & lands I have in old England shall go to the next of my kindred there; next I do give & bequeath to my cousin John Lewis my oldest cowe except one, I call Nipsie, and also her calf; I also do give unto my cousin Christopher above named my new house which is building; & all my land upland, intvale & meadow with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging within the Towne of Lancaster, I do give & bequeath unto my two above named cousins John Lewis & Christopher Lewis to be divided joyntly between them. Next it is my mind & will to make my above named cousin John Lewis my sole & whole Executor of the rest of my goods. Lancaster, the 13th of March 59 or 60. Witnesseth Larrance Watters. Jacob Harris." The witnesses hereto subscribed do take the oathe to the Truth of this will of Thomas James this 12th of the 3d month 166. Before me Simon Willard.

On comparison of these two wills it appears that both mention all of William Lewis's children except Josiah and Christopher, giving the inference that the son Josiah is no longer living, and that the son Christopher was living in 1660 when the James will was made but

not living in 1671, when he father came to his final decision. We hear of descendants of Christopher in both Cambridge and Reading, Mass., but nothing about Josiah except his birth. This was a very early period, being before the arrival of any Virginia, Pennsylvania or New York Lewises. Gen. Andrew Lewis whom George Washington always declared was a better soldier than he to lead our struggling colonies against England in '75, was then unknown; so Col. Charles Lewis of the Kanawha wilds; and Col. Fielding Lewis, husband of Washington's proud sister, Betty; even Gen. Francis Lewis, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and his son Morgan Lewis, Governor of New York, and Major Lawrence Lewis, nephew of George Washington and Executor of his will, husband of Martha Washington's grandchild, Nelly Custis Lewis. But these two wills are pathetic for their simple representation of that border town just before its massacre and destruction by the then lurking savages. Two at least of its trusting founders thus escaped that horror and found a haven and sweet rest in the grave. What soon befell that beautiful valley and happy people must now be gathered from the heart rending tale of the minister's wife and her accompanying terror stricken Indian captives.

CHAPTER III

JOHN (*William*) Lewis, son of William and Lydia (*Morse*) Lewis, daughter of Richard Morse of Stoke, born at Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk County, England, in 1636, with his elder sister Lydia and brother Christopher, accompanied his father to New England and later from Roxbury to found Lancaster as early as 1653; signed articles of agreement made by the settlers there and took up some of the most fertile division of the town by 1658. In 1662 he married Hannah Whiting. His first child, born in 1663 was curiously called by the old Testament name Barachiah, "Blest of Jehovah," who for the whole forty odd years of his after life nobly exemplified it. In 1653 John Lewis and his cousin Thomas James made a Corn Mill agreement with one Prescott in Lancaster, their first mill.

Children born in Lancaster, Mass.

BARACHIAH, b. July 31, 1663

Rebecca 1665, but soon died

Bethia b. 1666 received a 6 pound legacy after moving to Dorchester from Mrs. Burge.

Patience 1668

JOHN b. 1671.

William b. 1673 d. 1682.

After the escape from the Indian captivity, to Dorchester.

Hannah b. 1678

Thankful b. 1680 but died in 1682

The last three in their refuge in Dorchester, Mass.

With Roger Sumner and other refugees from their devastated old home at Lancaster the stricken father took up life anew on the north bank of Mother Brook where the town of Dorchester had granted him a tract of unimproved land. The public highway from East Dedham has ever since been called after him Lewis Lane, his dwelling house lasting up to a very few years ago, but now burnt to the ground. Next to Nathaniel Whiting's mill he established a weaving and fulling mill, and blacksmith shop, joined the local church in 1680, and finally, quite worn out, in 1685 laid himself down to rest. How he escaped the Lancaster massacre no one now knows, nor what became of the rest of his father's family, except his older sister Lydia, who with her husband and little ones were burned with their farm buildings before they could escape to the general stockade.

The son Barachiah, now known as Capt. Barachiah, who was but thirteen years old at the time, never forgot, and ever afterwards was the first to respond to a call for help against this savage foe. As late as 1707 he, with his company, when Gov. Dudley in vain begged his men to succor the helpless English, Scotch and Irish down in Nova Scotia, loyally marched out in sacrifice of his young life and family, only to soon die a martyr to public duty. John left no will, but his widow Hannah and his son Barachiah at once filed the following:

"At a County Court for Suffolk County in Boston. January 1685. Full power and Authority to Administer all & singular the goods, chattels, credits and estate of John Lewis, late of Dorchester, weaver, in consideration, is granted unto Hannah his relict and Barachiah Lewis his eldest son, an inventory thereof they exhibited upon their oaths, and they since have given bond according to the law court's order for their due administration according to law. Attest Jno. Atherton esq.

An inventory of the late deceased John Lewis, his lands, goods & cattle being in Dorchester taken by us under written this 9th January 1685.

- It^m. Wearing apparel of all sorts, 57s., a bed & furniture 53s-5£
- It^m. Another bed & furniture 46s. two bags, some flax, corn & wheel 2s
- It^m. Two looms & other weaving implements 4£, slays & harness 5£ IS
- It^m. Board & some pewter, bottle 18s. 5d. iron pot and kettle & other iron utensils
- It^m. Earthen & wooden ware 9s. Beetle & Wedge & other husbandry implements 17s
- It^m. Books 26s. and some glass pulleys 9s. 6d
- It^m. One churn and other lumber 27s. Plough, irons & horse harness 5£
- It^m. One horse & one mare 30s. one cow & one heiffer 70s
- It^m. One sow & 4 shotes 1£
- It^m. The dwelling house
- It^m. 5 acres of land in tillage one and one half planted to corn.
- It^m. Land lying in common seventy five acres 5£ 12s 6p
- It^m. Four acres of meadow 5£ Lot due to the estate 80£ 14s 6p
- A debt due from the estate 5£
- It^m. Corn & other provisions 1£

Appraised according to our best judgment in money

Samuel Topliff

Lands and Meadows at Lancaster

- It^m. His house lot containing twenty acres 7£ 20s
- It^m. Thirty acres first division intervalle land 20£
- It^m. His second division of intervalle 5 acres 7£
- It^m. 5 acres of meadow lying in three divisions 5£
- It^m. 54 acres of second division of upland 5£ 8s
- It^m. Town Rights 7£ 10s

Appraised 17 December 1685 by Ralph Houghton
Josiah White."

This part of Dorchester was soon annexed to Dedham but the Lancaster lands lay for years fallow and unproductive. John's widow lived until July 1714 four

years after her honored son Capt. Barachiah. Christopher Lewis, son of William and Lydia, born Dec. 2 1638 is not mentioned in his father's will of 1671, but is in the will of his cousin, Thomas James, which bears an earlier date, and leads to the conclusion that Christopher had died in the meantime. Four years after Lancaster was burned by the Indians in 1676 Christopher's descendants could be found in Cambridge and Reading, Mass. and around Lancaster showing that some of them had returned after the Indian massacre. Their lands there under town allotment and the cousin's will were considerable and of substantial value. Who or how many of the William Lewis family besides the daughter Lydia and her husband and young children lost their lives in that terrible massacre is no longer known, the sad narrative of Mrs. Joseph Rowlandson, their minister's wife, now being almost the sole source of information. We well know that the son John and his family finally escaped and took refuge near the home of friends and relatives in what is now East Dedham, Mass. where until quite recently his house on Lewis Lane was a marked object of public interest.

ISAAC² Lewis, son of William¹ and Amy, born in Boston, Mass. April 14, 1644, and baptized by the family pastor, Rev. John Eliot in Roxbury, Mass. soon after. He was the first of the Lewis family to bear that name, a name that has for the past five generations persisted and been honored. You find in the catalogue of the old educational home of the family, Cambridge University, England, many William and John Lewises but not an Isaac Lewis. For a long while it was thought that the son Isaac had taken his mother Amy to the Boston

estate mentioned in his father's will and had married a Mary Davis there, but that is in no way certain, for at that early period there were in Boston and Charlestown other Isaac Lewises. Both Isaac and his mother Amy may have perished in the common massacre at Lancaster. It is to be regretted that Mrs. Rowlandson gave no names of the victims of that massacre and captivity as she mentions the Medfield captive who gave her a hat and other wearing apparel.

CHAPTER IV

BARACHIAH³ (*John,² William¹*), son of John and Hannah, born at Lancaster July 31, 1663, was but 13 when the Indians destroyed the town. After settling his father's estate he in 1690 married Judith Whiting, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Dwight) Whiting near neighbors by whom he had the following children:

1. John born 1692
2. Judith born July 6, 1693, married Joseph Dean
3. William born April 29, 1695, married Bethia Colburn
4. Nathaniel born May 25, 1697, married Miriam Draper
5. Isaac born Nov. 17, 1701, married (1) Abigail Morse; (2) Mary Whiting
6. Rebecca born April 16, 1704 married Jonathan Ellis
7. Sarah born July 4, 1706 married Capt. Joseph Morse
8. Zipporah born March 14, 1708 married Aaron Ellis

On the death of their father May 7, 1710, the son John took up the administration of the estate, the other children being put under the guardianship of their relative and friend Timothy Whiting. Judith, the widow was appointed administratrix, and the son John by agreement settled with his brothers and sisters for their share, and took over the estate. Thus another large estate was spared dismemberment.

Soon afterward we find in the inventory of Moses Draper that he had a part of it, being in 1715, "Seven acres of land lying in the township of Dorchester near a place commonly called Mothers Brook bought of Barachiah Lewis, his part of it." A whole volume might be here added about the life and services of our ancestor, Capt. Barachiah Lewis, but the advanced age of the writer prevents.

Lest we forget the care and sacrifice, on a part of Lewis Square given to the town of Walpole in 1775 by his Revolutionary patriot grandson Isaac Lewis, Sen., an attempt has been made, by a bronze equestrian statue, to pay fitting tribute. That it was erected amid the violent and selfish opposition of an unworthy descendant only enhances its vast value and interest. The Captain rides there where he was directed to order the defiant savages to vacate this old Indian Reservation for their Ponkapoag wigwams.

Besides this courageous exploit the Dedham town records recite many a hardy struggle with the prowling wolf at their hidden lair on what is now the public Airport in Norwood, then commonly called "wolves Denn." In Barachiah's time he served Dedham as constable, choosing and drilling her Train Band; collector of taxes, surveyor, tithing man, and took an active part in all public affairs, and on an earnest appeal by Gov. Dudley, after England had repeatedly failed to protect her exposed colonists in Maine, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in 1707 led his company of Dorchester men in our first overseas war, to succor humanity in those then far distant wilds. The fate of that valiant lone regiment seems now especially hard and sad as we compare it with that of so many safely returned from the

recent overseas World War, with all their sanitary and safe transports, roast beef, and chocolate creams and home comforts. But we have the consolation of knowing that their unselfish action was fully appreciated on their return by their Governor's public bestowal of due thanks, and in the case of our Capt. Barachiah the additional honor of a worthy bronze Equestrian Statue erected on Lewis Square at the spot on the old Indian Reservation where he so many years ago, by official direction, commanded the trespassing Redskin to remove to his proper hunting grounds at Ponkapoag. **LEST MEN FORGET** is its inscription, and certainly there are still two of his descendants, the donor of the needed Memorial, and his unnatural objector, who will keep it well in mind for at least the rest of their natural lives. The general comment at the time was "Hard as nails and unfilial as Satan." Why should a mother's earnest appeal be longer heeded?



BRONZE EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF CAPT. BARACHIAH LEWIS, IN ISAAC LEWIS SQUARE,
EAST WALPOLE

Erected by Isaac Newton Lewis

CHAPTER V

JOHN³ Lewis son of John and Hannah (*John,² William¹*), born at Lancaster, Mass., 1671, married April 4, 1700 Anne Eaton, widow of John Eaton, and daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Dwight) Whiting, and lived in East Dedham, Mass. John's married life was short, he dying Sept. 1, 1718, leaving three small children —

1. Ebenezer, born May 7, 1705
2. Jonathan, born Jan. 1, 1708
3. Barachiah, born 1710

On John's death his widow sold his place to Timothy and Nathaniel Whiting, and placed her sons Ebenezer and Jonathan under the guardianship of Joseph Wright of Dedham, and took charge of Barachiah herself.

JOHN⁴ Lewis son of Barachiah³ and Judith (*Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) born in 1691. After the death of his father, Capt. Barachiah in 1710 John assisted his mother Judith settle his father's estate. About 1713 he married his wife, Elizabeth, and established the blacksmith shop on Lewis Lane, which survived not only him but also many of his descendants. In 1717 his wife took out administration on his estate, her husband having just died. They had one child:

1. John, who married his wife Abigail in 1742.

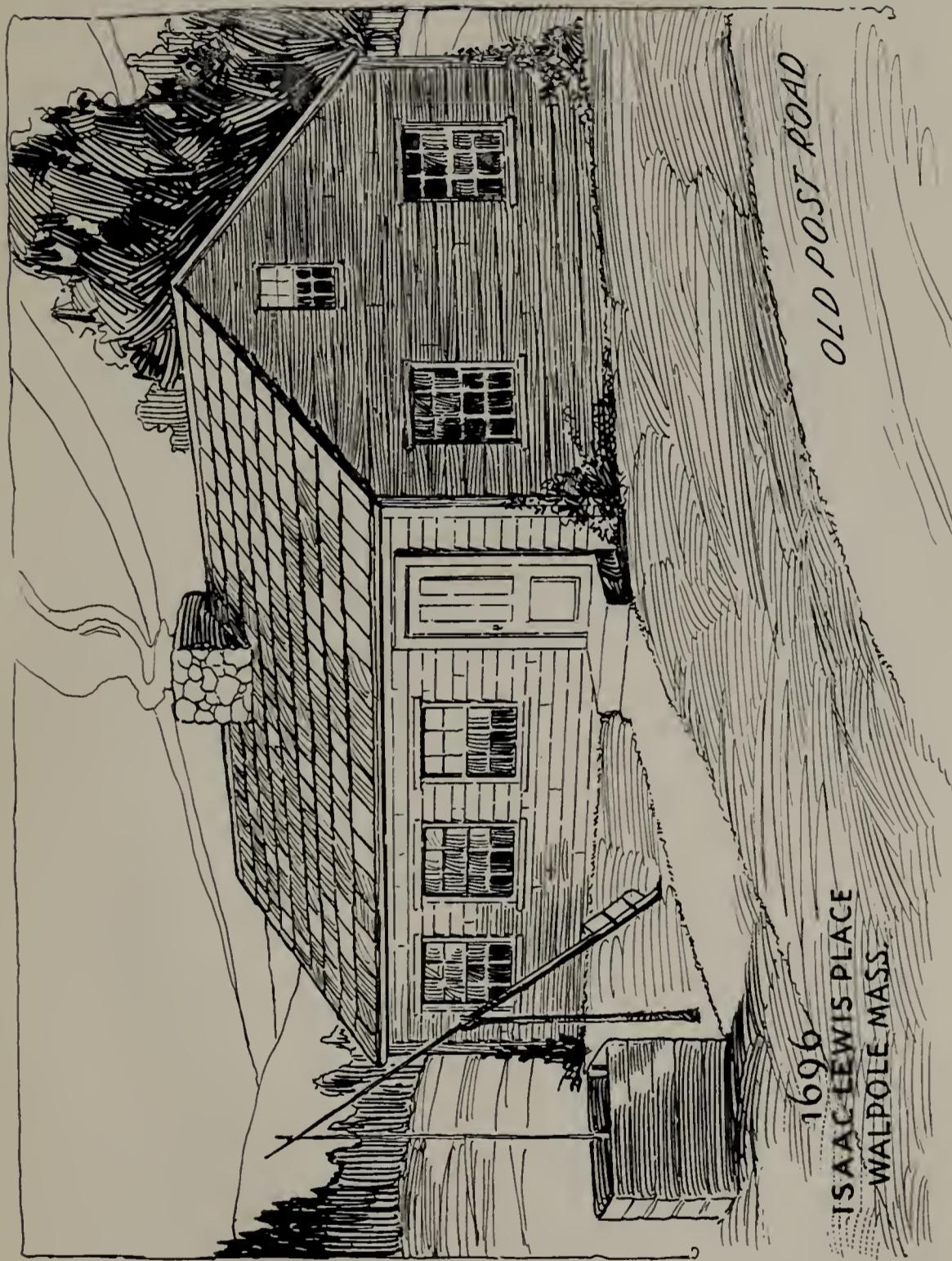
WILLIAM⁴ Lewis son of Barachiah and Judith (*Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) born in Dedham, April 29, 1695 died June 5, 1760. Married Bethia Colburn,

June 30, 1720 by Samuel Sewal Esq. Boston. Their children were as follows:

1. Bethia, born 1721, married Eleazer Everett
2. Mary, born Aug. 11, 1722, died Oct. 13, 1741
3. Sergt. William, born Aug. 14, 1724
4. Sarah, born Dec. 8, 1726, died Sept. 4, 1730
5. Abigail, born Jan. 16, 1729, married Josiah Bul-lard Apr. 23, 1749
6. Mary, born Apr. 5, 1731
7. Hezekiah, born Oct. 29, 1733
9. Sarah, born Mar. 8, 1736, died Oct. 14, 1741
10. Margaret, born 1738, married in 1759 William Gay
11. Benjamin, born Mar. 19, 1741, married Hannah Gould Jan. 22, 1765
12. Barachiah, born Oct. 25, 1741
13. Judith

NATHANIEL ⁴ Lewis, son of Barachiah and Judith (*Barachiah, ³ John, ² William ¹*) born May 25, 1697 died 1757, married Jan. 16, 1729, Miriam Draper. Children:

1. Miriam born Mar. 7, 1730 soon died
2. Nathaniel Jr. born 1731 died Nov. 30, 1790.
Married Experience Hartshorn.
3. Rebecca born Oct. 16, 1734. Married Joseph Richards.
4. Timothy born Nov. 10, 1737 died at Lake George Sept. 1756.
5. Mehitabel born Feb. 10, 1740. Married Samuel Colburn
6. Miriam born Jan. 26, 1744. Married Joseph Ellis Apr. 24, 1766



HOME OF CAPT. BARACHIAH LEWIS'S YOUNGEST SON ISAAC
The next to the oldest Lewis House in the Author's memory

CHAPTER VI

ISAAC⁵ Lewis, son of Barachiah and Judith (*Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*), born Nov. 17, 1701, died June 5, 1749, was only nine when his father died, so he was placed under the guardianship of Timothy Whiting, a relative. He was early taught the useful and profitable trade of shoemaking and therefore his name is frequently found in public records as a cordwainer. In the early 1690's that part of old Dorchester, now known as Sharon, Canton and Stoughtonham, consisting of 320 fertile acres running Easterly on the Old Post Road in the Easterly part of Walpole down into the Fowl Meadows, had been set off to four pioneers, John and Samuel Bullard, Simeon Pettee and Josiah White. A wagon road from Old Post Road ran Easterly through the place, with what was afterwards called the Roe Buck Tavern farm on the South, and Brick Schoolhouse lot on its North. To this fair home land in November, 1726 came our young shoemaker as purchaser of the Samuel Bullard quarter part, soon bringing to the home, herein illustrated, as lawful helpmate one Abigail Morse. Joined to this home lot was another rich and beautiful slope of orchard and meadow now covered by the Paroid Mill of Bird & Son, Inc. in Norwood. In 1731 he sold his interest in his father's estate in Dedham, and with his three partners sold soon after 79 acres of the large tract on the East to a newcomer, Jeremiah Kingsbury, whose descendants, now in Pasadena, California still have our oldest Plans of the locus. About

the same time he purchased of Foxcroft of Boston another large tract of land near by. In 1734, April 12, his wife having died, Isaac took for himself another, going this time to the house of his forefathers in Dedham. Mary was she called, and Whiting her house. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Whiting Jr. and Joanna (Ellis) Whiting, and for her Isaac added new chambers to the home and a second barn for the live stock. These home buildings were still standing and occupied to the close of our Civil War. Being located on the border of Dedham and Stoughtonham which was changed at an early period, it was at first recorded as being in Stoughtonham and in the latter part of their lives, in Dedham and Walpole. The old Edinburgh Lewis Bible bearing date of 1744, purchased soon after this second marriage, is the oldest Lewis family Bible record and has been for the past 83 years piously preserved by their loyal descendant, Isaac Newton Lewis to whom it was given years ago at his naming, corner of Old Lewis Lane and East streets, Walpole, Mass. The record begins with the marriage of Isaac Lewis and Mary Whiting, and is followed by the records of the following children:

1. Mary born Jan. 8, 1735 married Lieut. Eliphalet Ellis
2. John, born Dec. 15, 1736 married Deborah Fisher
3. Abigail born Dec. 4, 1738 married David Fisher, Jr.
4. Joanna, born Dec. 4, 1740 married Major Seth Bullard
5. Rebecca, born May 11, 1743 married Col. Thomas Starret of Warren, Me.

6. Sarah born Oct. 6, 1745 married Sergt. John Andrews, Warren, Me.
7. Margaret born Mar. 28, 1747, married George Sumner
8. Isaac born after his father's death Aug. 4, 1749 married Abigail Bullard

In 1742, warned by a severely cold winter which froze even Long Island Sound so solid that Francis Lewis, afterwards a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, drove over it on a visit to his fellow Sons of Liberty here. Isaac purchased of Jeremiah Dexter, blomor, his tract of woodland for £201, over 60 acres, being the old Fourth Sawmill Dividend extending from the Neponset River to the old Dorchester line with a right of way (East Street) to the old Town Cemetery on the Old Saw Mill Road, and Meeting House on the "Meetinghouse Common." The deed of this extensive purchase which the author has still in his possession, is of great interest for containing the signatures of our minister, the Rev. Phillips Payson and his first wife.

DEED ISAAC LEWIS 1742 FROM JEREMIAH DEXTER

To all People to whom these presents shall come, Greeting. Know ye that I, Jeremiah Dexter of Walpole in the county of Suffolk within His Majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, blomor, for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and one pounds, old tenure, to our hand before the sealing hereof, well and duly paid by Isaac Lewis of Dedham in the County of Suffolk and province aforesaid, Cordwinder, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, am myself therewith fully satisfied and contented, and thereof and every part and parcel thereof do exonerate, acquit and discharge him, the said Isaac Lewis, his Heirs, Executor and Administrator, forever, by these Presents, have given, granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do freely, fully and abso-

lutely give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto him the said Isaac Lewis and unto his Heirs, and Assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situate and lying in the township of Walpole, aforesaid, containing sixty acres, three quarters of an acre and eight rods, abutting on the lands of Timothy Foster in part and upon William Foster in part on the North East, bounded on the Stoughton line in part toward East, upon the Neponset River towards the north west, bounded on the land of Ebenezer Fales towards the south west, land allowed for a passage way laid out across said Premises. To have and to hold said granted and bargained premises with all the appurtenances, powers, and commodities to the same belonging, or in any way appertaining to him the said Isaac Lewis, his Heirs and Assigns forever, to his and their only proper use, benefit and possession forever and I, the said Jeremiah Dexter for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators do covenant, promise and grant to, and with the said Isaac Lewis his Heirs and Assigns, that before the ensealing hereof I am the true, sole and lawful owner of the above bargained premises and am lawfully seized with power and of the same in my own proper right, as a good, perfect and proper estate of Inheritance, in fee simple, and have in myself good right and full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm said bargained premises in manner aforesaid, and that he, the said Isaac Lewis, his Heirs and Assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter by force and virtue of these presents, properly and quietly have, hold, lawfully occupy, possess and enjoy the said premises, and bargained with appurtenances free and clear fully and clearly acquitted, exonerated and discharged of from all and all manner of forms of other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, leases, mortgages, wills, entails, jointures, dowries, judgments, exemptions, or incumbrances of what name or nature soever that might in any measure or degree obstruct or make void this present deed. Furthermore I the said Jeremiah Dexter for myself, my heirs, executor, administrator, do covenant and engage the above demised premises to him, the said Isaac Lewis, his Heirs and Assigns against the lawful claims or demands of any person or persons whatsoever forever hereafter do warrant, secure and defend by

these presents, and Hepzibah, the wife of the said Jeremiah Dexter, doth by these presents yield and surrender all her right and title or dowry and power of thirds unto him, the said Isaac Lewis his Heirs and Assigns forever. In witness whereof we have set our hands and seals this tenth day of December, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-two and in the sixteenth year of His Majesty's Reign King George the Second.

Signed, sealed
and delivered in
presence of us
Phillips Payson
Anne Payson

Jeremiah Dexter (seal)

Hepzibah Dexter (seal)

Suffolk, SS. May 4th, 1743

Jeremiah Dexter personally appearing acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and deed before

Joseph Richards, Just. Peace

Some years ago a neighbor found in this woodland a number of Pine and Oak Tree Shillings, our first silver coinage, and thereby hangs a queer tale. In an old diary of that time appears the following items concerning this Dexter and his rather shady acquaintance one Hudson.

FROM DIARY OF JOHN BOYLE, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER, BOSTON

"June 7, 1761; Jeremiah Dexter of Walpole, Trader, detected in offering counterfeit dollars in this town, committed to Gaol."

"Sept. 10, Jeremiah Dexter, lately detected in passing counterfeit dollars, stood an hour in the Pillory in the presence of great numbers of spectators, many of whom were very liberal in bestowing rotten eggs upon Mr. Dexter, particularly Dr. Seth Hudson."

"Oct. 8, 1761, Dr. Seth Hudson and Mr. Joshua Howe were committed to Gaol, being charged with forging Treasurers' Notes. Several 100 pounds lawful money in counterfeit notes have al-

ready been discovered. Parson Wells with all his sagacity has taken one of a hundred pounds."

"March 10, 1762 Doctor Seth Hudson, having been convicted on four several indictments of counterfeiting the Treasurers' Notes, was sentenced by the Superior Court, to be whipped 20 stripes, to suffer one year's imprisonment, and to pay a fine of £100 to the King, upon each conviction. His fellow laborer, Joshua Howe, convicted of the like crime on two indictments, was sentenced to be set in the Pillory an hour, suffer one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of £100, upon each conviction."

"July 12, 1763 shipped on board the Laureneston Man-of-War, now in this harbor, bound for London, that notorious cheat Doctor Seth Hudson, who has received the several punishments assigned him for counterfeiting the Province Treasurer's Notes."

This man Dexter came from one of the best families of the State, and this combined narrative of discovered Pine Tree Shillings, close social relations with our minister's family, and our real estate, makes the above hard to understand. He afterwards served Walpole in the Revolutionary War; and his wife became one of our most respected school teachers, and in her advanced life was a worthy object of pity and sympathy of Isaac Lewis, the Revolutionary War patriot. The original purchaser of this Dexter-Lewis tract never built a dwelling house thereon, the Castle, where so many of their descendants have since met in pleasant reunion being of a later date, the last celebration being in 1930, on the 328th Anniversary of our first American Ancestor's birth.

The life of Isaac, like that of his father, Capt. Barachiah, was unkindly short, he dying June 5, 1749 just before the appearance of his namesake, Isaac Jr. Five years later his widow married John Fairbanks of Dedham, and in the old Lewis Bible herein mentioned ap-

pear the birth record of their only children Abner and David Fairbanks.

Isaac Lewis's family Mary and Lieut. Ellis are now represented by the retired school teacher Mary A. (*Pillsbury*) Swan, C. O. Littlefield and the Oliver Ellis families.

Joanna and Major Seth Bullard are now represented by the Boston families of their son Jabez and Thomas H. Doggett.

The daughter Sarah is now represented by the family of Rev. Charles E. Andrews late of Walpole consisting of a son Chester, and a daughter, Bertha G. Andrews, the latter being the head teacher of the North Walpole Grammar School.

CHAPTER VII

EBENEZER⁴ Lewis, son of John and Anne (*John,³*
John,² William¹) born 1705 married his wife Hannah in 1731; having the following children:

1. Hannah, Jan. 24, 1733, married Henry Glover
Jan. 6, 1756
2. Millitiah, Mar. 9, 1735
3. Tabitha, Sept. 1, 1737
4. Anne Feb. 4, 1740, married William Graham
1768
5. Ebenezer, Mar. 3, 1742
6. Andrew, Dec. 22, 1744, married Sarah Lewis
1771
7. Barnabas, Sept. 26, 1748, died 1752
8. Keziah, May 21, 1753, died Nov. 12, 1758
9. Nathan, April 7, 1756

JONATHAN Lewis son of John and Anne (*John,³*
John,² William¹) born in 1708, married Hannah Hunting Apr. 19, 1733 who died June 22, 1746. Children

1. Jonathan, born Mar. 16, 1734
2. Catherine, born Apr. 28, 1737
3. Anne, born Feb. 28, 1739 died June 8, 1739
4. Hannah born Nov. 27, 1741, married Eliphalet Thorp Dec. 17, 1762
5. Moses, born Sept. 27, 1743

On Oct. 12, 1749 the father married again, one Abigail Everett of Dedham by whom he had the following children:

1. Aaron, born July 3, 1750, married Sarah White June 27, 1772
2. Jerusha, born Oct. 25, 1752
3. Thomas, born Mar. 1, 1755, Patriot of Lexington, Dorchester Heights
4. Timothy, born Mar. 21, 1757, Patriot of Lexington, Dorchester Heights
5. Eve born Mar. 15, 1759
6. Anne born May 30, 1762.

In 1755 the father was made guardian of his children because of their grandfather, John Hunting, dying and leaving them property. No date is found of the father's death, but towards his end he sold a portion of his South Dedham estate to the Everett family on Walpole Street. He was buried in Dedham, and probably spent his declining years in that town.

BARACHIAH⁴ Lewis son of John and Anne (*John,³ John,² William¹*) born 1710, married Hannah Adams of Roxbury, died 1776, leaving a will which gives as children Mary, Josephine, Hannah, Abigail, Submit, Rachel, Samuel and Timothy. Many in Roxbury are their descendants. Samuel's daughter Sarah married Joseph Smith of Dedham and lived on the old Paine place which he inherited and which is still in his descendants' hands.

SERGT. WILLIAM⁵ Lewis Jr. (*William,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) son of William and Bethia (Colburn) Lewis, born Aug. 14, 1724 died on Crown Point Expedition 1756, married Mehitabel Hixon of Stoughtonham and settled down near his father in South Dedham. Then on the attempt to subjugate New England in 1756, having helped Capt. William Bacon raise a com-

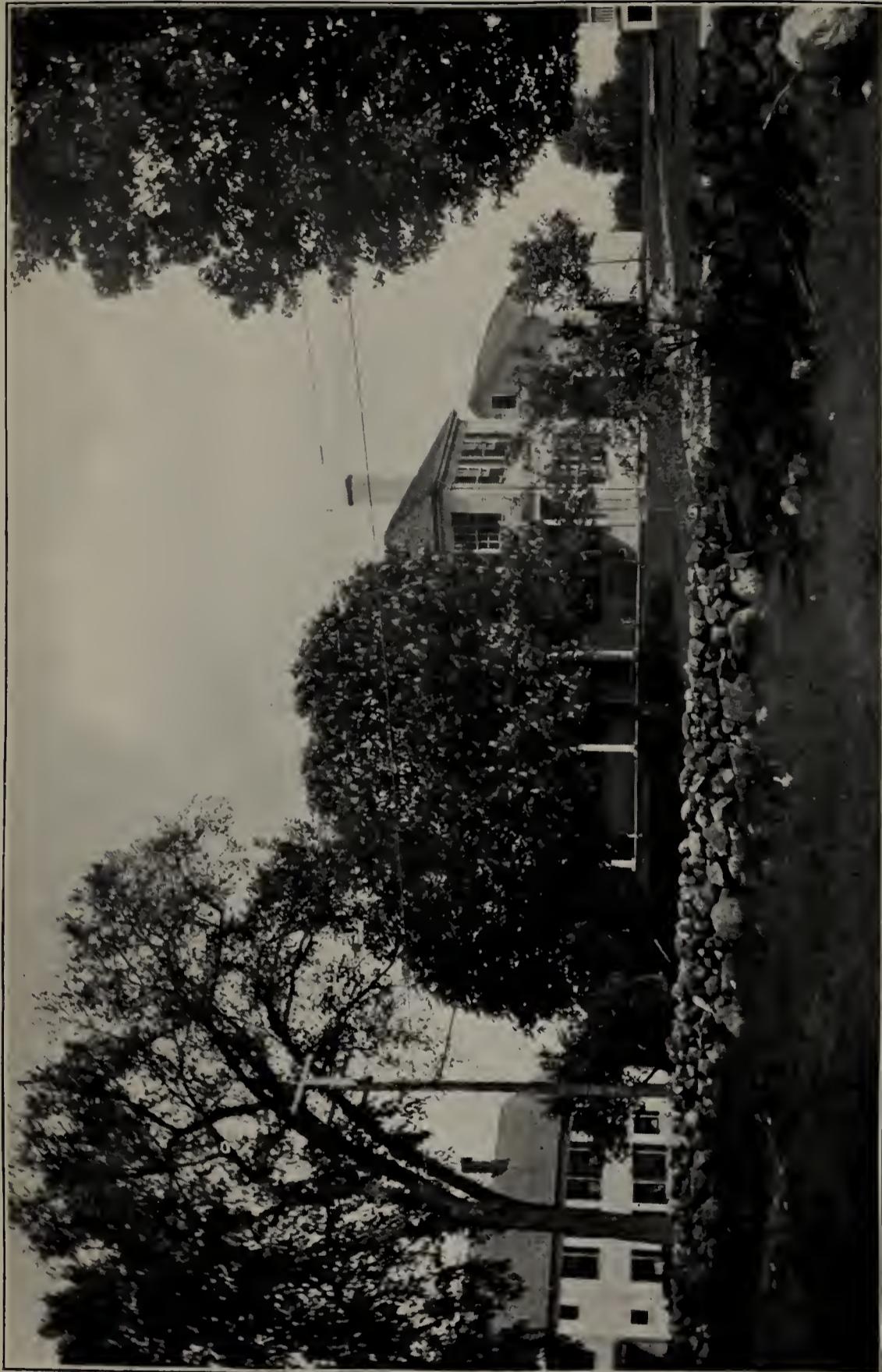
pany for the Crown Point Expedition, Sergt. William, with Thomas son of his Pastor Rev. Thomas Balch, joined and laid down their young lives for their country which the sadly stricken old minister painfully records in his parish records. On the return of the rest of the company Capt. Bacon reimbursed Sergt. William's widow for his gun and other equipment, and tried in other ways to lighten her loss. Thus in that short war five Lewis grandchildren of Capt. Barachiah loyally followed his noble example by the Supreme Sacrifice. Children:

1. Mary, born Mar. 20, 1745, died young
2. William, born Mar. 11, 1746
3. Mehitabel, born Feb. 20, 1750, married 1780
Provisional Congressman Enoch Ellis
4. Mary, born Nov. 17, 1754
5. Bethia, born Jan. 24, 1748
6. Sarah, born 1752, married Andrew Lewis, 1771
and had Lucy and George.

In 1769 the children were put under the guardianship of George Talbot of Sharon, and a part of the estate was sold to Richard Hixon. The fate of the son William is not clear. One William Lewis was taken prisoner, probably it was he. Ticonderoga, Fort Edward, Fort Henry and Louisburg service saw him or his father Sergt. William.

BENJAMIN⁵ Lewis son of William and Bethia (*William,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) born Mar. 19, 1741, married Hannah Gould Jan. 22, 1765. Children:

1. Jesse, 1765
2. Richard 1767
3. David 1769



PARSONAGE OF THE REV. ASAHEL BIGELOW

Where Sergeant William Lewis was married

NATHANIEL⁵ Lewis, Jr., son of Nathaniel and Miriam (*Nathaniel,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) born 1731 married Experience Hartshorn Jan. 29, 1754 and lived on his father's place. The mother died Jan. 4, 1830, 93 years old. Their children were as follows:

1. Lucy born Mar. 23, 1758
2. Nathaniel, Apr. 13, 1761; married Jan. 6, 1785
 Mary Penniman
3. Olive, born Sept. 19, 1763; married 1786, William Dean
4. Rebecca, Oct. 14, 1767; married Jonathan Ellis
5. Jabez, Oct. 12, 1769; married Feb. 10, 1805
 Catherine Pettee of West Dedham
6. Joseph May 7, 1773; married Sybel Morse, and
 died Aug. 10, 1824
7. Asa, 1775; married Catherine Plummer and left
 William and Catherine

When young the boys were put under guardianship of George Ellis on the death of the father Nov. 30, 1790. Nathaniel and Jabez settled the place. Jabez and Catherine (Pettee) Lewis, had William Hart, born July 7, 1806; Frances Elizabeth Mar. 7, 1809 who married Moses Fairbanks Sept. 9, 1841; but died Mar. 26, 1864; Ellis; Jabez, 1812; died Sept. 24, 1836; who married Eliza Kingsbury, who died May 30, 1844; Catherine May 6, 1711, who married Capt. George Guild of Walpole Apr. 9, 1829, his second wife. George and Catherine left three children, George, Julia and Augustus Guild; but all are now dead and rest with their parents in the old Walpole Plain Cemetery with a worthy monument and beautiful receiving tomb erected to their memory by this writer. The daughter Julia never married, faithful to her aged parents to the very

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last. The son Augustus was suddenly stricken by death on his way to work at R. R. Roundhouse, Boston.

Joseph Lewis left a daughter Nancy who married George Johnson, P. M. of Sharon, Sybel Ellis and Olive Dean. Sybel E. married Dean Morse of Sharon and had Julia Ann Morse and she married her cousin Warren Morse of East Walpole, and had a son, Warren Jr. who by his wife Ruth Evans had Mary, wife of one McLeod, and a son and several grandchildren.



LAST REMNANT OF OLD INDIAN RESERVATION

Given to the town by the patriot Isaac Lewis, in 1775, for a square. The tree was set out in his memory by his great grandson, Isaac Newton Lewis in 1860. The house is the house of Sergt. William Lewis and the birthplace of Isaac Newton Lewis, author and historian.



THE FIRST HOUSE ON THE THIRD SAWMILL DIVIDEND (THE JOHN LEWIS—DAVID LEWIS PLACE,
EAST STREET)

For a few years in the prior possession of Timothy Foster and Joseph Coney

CHAPTER VIII 1181012

JOHN⁵ Lewis (*Isaac,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) son of Isaac and Mary, born in the old Isaac Lewis house on the Old Post Road, herewith presented, Dec. 15, 1736. On the death of his father he was placed under the guardianship of his relative, Isaac Whiting of Dedham. In 1768, having in 1758 married Deborah Fisher of Sharon, he sold his share in his deceased father's estate to his stepfather, John Fairbanks, and in the following year, for some £75 purchased of Dr. Ebenezer Dagget of Walpole, some 18 acres of land nearer the center of the town. About the same time he acquired of Joseph Coney, Timothy Foster, etc. what is known as the Lewis Farm, the Old Isaac Lewis Lane being the easterly division line from the equally Lewis Farm of his brother Isaac, the patriot, donor to public uses in 1775 of the Isaac Lewis Square and Lane. In 1788, while taking the place of his brother Isaac as constable and tax collector, he fell lifeless on the street. His burial was in the old town cemetery of 1705. The children of John and Deborah were John born Aug. 18, 1759; Mary Oct. 13, 1761; who became a teacher in our public schools, and married John Morse of South Dedham. David born Mar. 6, 1765. He though young, served in the Revolution. When a fellow patriot, Jacob Gould, wished to get married but had no way to get to the Parson, a mile and more distant, the kindly David hitched up his farm team and took the anxious bridal party both to and from the happy service. David, a patriot himself, natu-

rally took for his life helpmate the daughter of one, Priscilla Guild of South Dedham.

After David came Deborah, born Aug. 14, 1767, married Samuel H. Dean of Dedham Apr. 3, 1789. Then came Sarah, Apr. 16, 1770, married Jan. 29, 1789, William Bacon, Jr., of Dedham. Then came Joseph, July 7, 1773. For years he followed the business of inn-keeper. Olive, born Feb. 28, 1778. John, Jr., married May 17, 1782, Anna Pratt of Mansfield by whom he had no children. He afterwards married a Mrs. Doty by whom he had his present children in Whitestown, N. Y.

CHAPTER IX

ISAAC⁵ Lewis (*Isaac,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) son of Isaac and Mary, born in the Old Post Road homestead here represented, Aug. 4, 1749, two months after his father's death. He with the younger children were placed under the guardianship of their mother, but after her marriage to John Fairbanks in 1754, his older sisters and brother, one after another were well married and left for their new homes. Isaac, however, for some years, on account of his youth, remained with his mother. The estate of his father was divided among the two sons and their mother, the sons paying their sisters their just share therein of that fair estate, the stepfather afterwards buying out the two sons. The Fairbanks Family History seems to congratulate John on his piece of marital good luck. As far as the Lewis family is concerned, the Fairbanks family is welcome to all it gained thereby and never even made claim to the hidden treasure found in old tin cans kept by the grandson, Warren Fairbanks in the old stone wall on the old Isaac estate in the author's boyhood. Warren was a good man and pleasant company. In 1774 Isaac married the friend and associate of his childhood, Abigail Bullard, daughter of his near neighbor Josiah Bullard, the old John Bullard Road running east through the Lewis estate down to their 20 acres of Fowl Meadow land beyond the Bullard farm.

Down to the year 1685 there was in this neighborhood a triangular tract of territory, some 250 acres, of good farm land insistently reserved by Chicataubut and

his Indian tribe for their personal use and occupation, known to this day as the Indian Reservation. Its westerly bounds was the Neponset River; its easterly the old Dorchester Line now Washington Street, and its southerly the wild lands of the town of Dedham. After the Rev. John Eliot had secured Ponkapoag for these Indians Dudley and Stoughton by legal action forced the grandson of Chicataubut, Charles Josiah to convey this Reservation to one Paige of Boston, and finally in 1767 a portion of it came into the possession of one Joseph Coney also of Boston. To the westerly half of this Old Indian Reservation in 1774, having made the purchase, Isaac Lewis brought his young wife. The westerly part of the tract he at once made into a garden for fruit and grain. The whole country was aroused then by the arbitrary action of the King and Parliament of the mother country. Patriotism ran high. Isaac at once caught the spirit, laid out old Lewis Lane through his orchard and cornfield to the Neponset River and set apart old Lewis Square to Liberty and public use and finally joined the Patriot army. When Washington on March 17, 1776, drove out the outgeneraled British of Boston and Boston Harbor, regiment after regiment of the victorious Patriot army hurried to New York bringing confusion and chaos to Walpole and all along the route. As public road surveyor Isaac night and day stoutly strove to keep our roads passable for both teams and soldiers. By good luck the first detachment of Maryland and Southern detachments were sent to the west of Walpole, but in a few days the whole of Gen. Wm. Heath's brigade hit the town of Walpole and hit it hard. It was March and the roads nothing but mud and dirt. Throwing overboard tables, benches, bedding, every-

To all people

whereas I Charles Gosak son of Josiah son of Josiah the
Indian but only Sachem of the Massachusetts Country and sole proprietor thereof when the English took
possession made and delivered greeting to all whom it may concern at a late rate of the town of Dedham to the
Inhabitants thereof reserved to my self two hundred acres of land and to my heirs and assigns to bear
land called Paiges River near the bounds of the said town which is now incorporated into the town of Walpole
I have exonerated and agreed to release them - being had now by me known that the aforesaid Charles Gosak
had given Queen for divers good causes and for the present money and specially for all or consideration
of a valuable sum of money to me Nathaniel Paige of Boston before the aforesaid time the receipt
whereof and full satisfaction thereby I do hereby acknowledge, and of the said sume all of every part thereof I do
acknowledged for my self and against the said Charles Gosak to declare my self fully satisfied contented and free
and therefore by this with the advice and consent knowledge and approbation of William Stoughton of Dorchester
Esq and Joseph Dudley of Roxbury Esq my guardians and prochein amys have given granted bargained sold
alleged above enfeoffed and confirmed unto them presents fully freely clearly and absolutely give grant
certain set palen enfeoffed set over and confirm unto them the said Nathaniel Paige all my right title and interest
in or to the said land by me reserved and conveyed as aforesaid lying situated and being in the bounds of the
aforesaid town of Dedham containing by estimation two hundred acres to be the same more or less bounded and bounded
by the lines between the towns Dorchester and Roxbury on the Northward and on all other sides by the common and
undivided lands of the said town of Dedham or howsoever otherwise bounded bounded together with all in
Ponds Rivers Ripples Water courses and all Proffits Priviledges Rights Comodities Conveniences there
ments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same or any part or parcel thereof belonging or
with appertaining with all my right title plagues Interests Proprietary or Possession or otherwise of a said to be
part thereof to have and to hold possess and enjoy the whole aforesaid tract of land containing and bounded as
with all the above granted and bargained premises with all the appurtenances in manner aforesaid aforesaid
unto the said Nathaniel Paige his heirs and assigns for ever freely peaceably and quietly without any manner of
challenge or contradiction of me the said Charles Gosak my heirs Executors Administrators or successors or of any
person or persons whatsoever by my means procurement or title in any manner always or else so that neither
the said Charles Gosak Indian Sachem nor my heirs Executors Administrators or successors or any other person
persons by defense or in my name or in the name of either or any of us above named hereafter may at any
time or demand in or to the premises or any part or parcel thereof any Right title Interest or possession
claim property or demand But from all actions of Right title Interest claim property and demands thereof
itself and every of them to be excluded and forever and utterly debarrased by virtue of these presents and of the law
Gosak my heirs Executors and successors the whole above granted premises with the appurtenances aforesaid
as above laid in manner as above laid against all persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and know
by these presents In witness whereof I the said Charles Gosak have hereunto set my hand and seal the
1st of October Anno Dom. one thousand six hundred eighty and five anno Regis Jacobi Secundi Anglie et regni

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of us.

Samuel Williams

Joseph Dudley

We undersigned their said attwnted guardians
by and Charles Gosak Indian Sachem have
been advised with and do hereby signifie our
consent to this Deed and grant by him made
at aforesaid date
in witness whereof we undersigned
do signe this day of October 1685

Charles Gosak

Samuel Williams
Joseph Dudley
Robert Stoughton
John Williams
John Williams
John Williams
John Williams

THE OLD INDIAN DEED OF THE ISAAC LEWIS, ELEAZER RHOADS, SAMUEL THOMPSON, AND JOSEPH PETTEE FARMS IN EAST WALPOLE, OTHERWISE CALLED PAIGE'S FARM, REDUCED TO ONE TENTH OF ITS ACTUAL SIZE

It contains the names of two Governors of the Province, and was the last purchase and covered the last hunting grounds of the Indian in our territory. The old Indian mortar near the Neponset in Plimptonville is of the same period



LEWIS FAMILY CHURCH

*The early church of the patriots Isaac, Isaac Jr., Aaron and John Lewis
Meeting House Common, Walpole, Mass.*

thing at first thought indispensable, shouting, coughing, gasping, they finally struggled through and beyond the north and center of the distracted town. Col. John Stark, one arm still in sling from his injury at Bunker Hill, Col. Patterson, faint and bleeding, Col. Webb also and Col. John Greaton and Wm. Bond, to be followed by the Salem and more northern troops. Geo. Washington hearing of the plight, sent word for them to throw overboard all hindering or preventing quick progress. Yokes of strong oxen under John Goddard of Brookline had been used a few weeks before to fortify Dorchester Heights led up the rear, and soon General Washington himself went by way of Needham.

WILL OF PATRIOT JOSIAH BULLARD, COL. JOHN GREATON REGT.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Josiah Bullard of Dedham in the County of Suffolk and State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Yeoman, being through the abundant mercy of God, tho' weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding, and Memory, do constitute this my last Will and Testament, desire that it may be received by all as such.

Imprimis: I most humbly bequeath my soul to God, my Maker, beseeching His most Gracious Acceptance of it through the Mediator, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, also my body to the earth, whence it was taken, in full assurance of its Resurrection from thence at the last Day and desiring that my burial may be arranged with decency and prudence. As to my Worldly Estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me, after my just debts are paid by my Executor.

Item: I will and Bequeath to my well beloved wife, Abigail Bullard, the improvement of my whole estate after my debts are paid, both real and personal, during her natural life, if in case she shall continue in widowhood until her decease, but if in case at any time after my decease she shall be disposed to and actually marry again, then my will is that after such second marriage to give to her the improvement of one third part of my estate real

personal only. Item; I give my five daughters Abigail, Lewis, Hannah Pettee, Anna Guild, Submit Bullard and Olive Bullard the whole of my estate, real and personal, the same to be divided equally betwixt them after their mother's second marriage, my will is that they shall immediately have and enjoy in equal shares, and their Heirs and Assigns two thirds part of my estate. Finally I do hereby constitute and appoint Isaac Lewis my son-in-law to be the sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and eighty and in the fourth year of the American Independence.

Josiah Bullard

Nathaniel Sumner, Samuel Bullard

William Coney

Boston May 22, 1780

Oliver Wendell

Judge of Probate

COMMISSION OF DOWER ALLOTTED TO MARY, WIDOW OF ISAAC LEWIS

Whereas we the Subscribers are appointed & Impowered by a Warrant from y^e Hon. Thos. Hutchinson, Judge of Probate for y^e County of Suffolk, to make a just & equal Division or partition of y^e real Estate of Isaac Lewis late of Dedham Yeoman or Cordwainer decd. Intestate by setting of to Mary Fairbanks formerly Widow of y^e s^d Intestate, her Dower or Thirds thereof, according to our best Skill & Judgment &c. In Obedience thereto we met Decem²⁴th, 1754 & having previously taken y^e Oath as directed, & after due Consideration on s^d Affair we agreed to y^e following Division of s^d real Estate Viz: We set of to s^d Mary Fairbanks as her part in y^e dwelling House of s^d Deceased y^e Lower room on y^e South end of s^d House with one half of y^e Seller, y^e New Chamber & y^e New Garret on y^e North side thereof, & also we set off to her as her part of y^e Barns y^e East End of y^e great Barn with one half of y^e Barn Floor & y^e ten foot over against y^e barn Floor leaving y^e Well, Oven, & sufficient yard room about y^e House & Barn to y^e Heirs in Common Usage. In y^e House Lot, consisting mostly of Orcharding, we have set

off to her on y^e Northerly side thereof two Acres & fifteen Rods. & in y^e Pasture adjoining we have set of to her, on y^e Southerly side thereof Twenty two Acres & thirty eight Rods it being bounded on y^e South by Land of Jeremiah Gould, South Westerly on y^e Buck Farm so called, & on y^e West by y^e affores^d House Lot & on y^e North by y^e other part of s^d Pasture & North easterly on Land of Nathl Coney. In y^e Tillage Land we have set of to her on y^e Northerly side thereof Three Acres & Two quarters of an Acre, Bounded on y^e North by Land of y^e Heirs of Jno. Bul-lard decd. Easterly on Land of Jeremiah Kingsbury, on y^e South by y^e remainder of s^d Tillage Land & on y^e West on y^e Pasture afforesd we have also reserved to s^d Mary Fairbanks convenient passing & repassing from & to s^d Tillage Land & Free Use of Causeway. In y^e Meadow, having divided it into three equal Parts lengthways thereof we have set off to her y^e middle part or Division thereof, And in y^e Woods lying in y^e Town of Wal-pole, we also divided into three equal Parts & set of to her y^e s^d Mary Fairbanks the middle part thereof.

Farming, road repairing and soldiering seem to keep Isaac most busy all through the war for independence. But the experience made him afterwards one of our most useful and valuable citizens and public men. To his lasting credit and honor his prompt and vigorous action in carrying the main East Street to the South straight to the center of the town saving the long hard journey by way of Kendall Street and the Old Town cemetery, is now honored and also his loyal financial support of the cause of National Independence; introduction of first mills and manufacturing on the Nepon-set River at the foot of old Lewis Lane; the creation of the Town's first public square after its Meeting House Square at the center, and finally, aid to the war sufferers in besieged Boston and Walpole. In every way this Isaac was a worthy grandson of Capt. Bar-a-chiah; as well as his work in establishing the new ceme-

tery on Kendall Street where in three spacious lots so many of his descendants now sleep. In 1797 he bought of Benjamin Kingsbury the large tract of cedar swamp still in the family's possession, and in 1792 of William Pettee, for £20 10 acres of pasture adjoining his home-stead on the southeast. His wife Abigail died Dec. 14, 1817, being the second to be buried in the new cemetery on Kendall Street. For four years still wearing knee breeches, pumps and cocked hat of the fathers, the old patriot lingered on till on May 23, 1821, he gratefully followed. For nearly 60 years a Betsey Ross

Patriot Isaac Lewis deed of Old Isaac Lewis Lane (now East Plimpton St.)

Aug. 3, 1814

ISAAC LEWIS

TO

WILLIAM APPLETON

In consideration of \$100 a certain piece of land in Walpole containing some $\frac{3}{4}$ acres — westerly on land of David Lewis, Easterly on land of Isaac Lewis; Southerly on road leading by home of said Isaac Lewis; and northerly on land of Wm. Appleton. The premises being the same which Levi Maxey as agent contracted for with said Isaac Lewis, and what the Neponset Factory Co. have since improved (used) as a road to said factory, reserving to said Isaac the trees growing on the premises, and said Isaac agreeing to complete the wall on his line of land adjoining the premises.

Isaac Lewis (seal)

flag has been placed by the writer above his grave and on those of his three patriot sons, Aaron, Isaac and John. For the past three years the American Legion, accompanied by the writer has continued the noble work which may long go on.

Know All Men by these Presents that we Thomas Starret of Warren in the County of Lincoln, Rebecca his wife in right of the said Rebecca and John Andrews of said Warren, Gentleman, and Sarah his wife in right of the said Sarah — in consideration of two hundred dollars paid by Isaac Lewis and David Lewis both of Walpole in the County of Norfolk Gentlemen in Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby demise Release sell and for ever quit claim unto the said Isaac Lewis and David Lewis their Heirs and assigns forever — all the right title and interest which we or either of us have or heretofore have had to the Real estate of Isaac Lewis late of said Dedham Gentleman deceased — it being two undivided ninths of the said Isaac Lewis' real estate and of which he was seized at the time of his death together with all the estate right title and Interest which we or either of us have or at any time heretofore had of in and to the aforementioned premises. To have and to hold the aforegranted and bargained premises to them the said Isaac and David their Heirs and assigns forever — and we do covenant with the said Isaac and David that we are lawfully seized in right of the said Rebecca and Sarah of the afore granted premises — that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Isaac and David and that we will warrant and defend the same against all persons claiming by from or under us, our Heirs and assigns forever — In Witness whereof we the said Thomas, Rebecca, John and Sarah have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Signed Sealed & delivered

Thos. Starret (seal)

In Presence of

Rebecca Starret (seal)

Jas. W. Head

John Andrews (seal)

Mary H. Whiting

Sarah Andrews (seal)

Lincoln SS. May 28, 1799. Then personally appeared the above named Thomas Starret and Rebecca his wife and John Andrews and Sarah his wife and acknowledged the above instrument by them subscribed to be their free Act & Deed.

Before

Jas. W. Head, Justice of the Peace

WILL OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT ISAAC LEWIS

In the name of God Amen this twenty eighth day of Dec. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, I Isaac Lewis of Walpole in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Husbandman, being far advanced in life, but of sound mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (Vis) Principally and first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of My Executor, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith God has been pleased to bestow on me in this life, I give, demise and dispose thereof in the following manner and form (namely)

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Isaac Lewis, one equal half of my meadow situated in Dedham. Also my wood lot bounded Southerly by land of Allen; Westerly by the road leading to the Meeting house; Northerly on land of David Lewis, and Easterly by the Turnpike.

Also nine acres of pasture bounded northerly on the road; Easterly & Southerly by land of Elijah Thompson; Westerly by land of Benjamin Pettee. Also one equal half of my Cedar swamp lot. Also one half of my pew in the Meeting house (except a privilege of a seat for my son Aaron's wife to set so long as she remains his wife or widow) by his paying the legacy ordered in this will for him to pay.

Item. I give and bequeath to the children of my son Aaron Lewis six acres of land with the building thereon bounded Southerly & Easterly on the road; Northerly by land of John Lewis; Westerly by land of Benjamin Pettee. Also about three acres of woodland bound Southerly on land of David Lewis; Easterly on the Turnpike and land of Benjamin Pettee, the land and buildings I give to my son Aaron's children. I give the use and improvement thereof to my said son Aaron's wife to improve so long as she remains his wife or widow.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Abby Fisher, wife of Daniel Fisher one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my son Isaac within six months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Olive Allen, wife



THE JOSEPH CARROLL — NICHOLAS HARRIS — ISAAC LEWIS,
JR., PLACE, EAST WALPOLE

One of the first dwellings used for school purposes before the erection of schoolhouses



HOME OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT
ISAAC LEWIS, SR.

One of the first houses in the old Indian reservation

of Warren Allen, one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my son John Lewis within six months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Aaron Lewis grass enough (in my Dedham meadow that I give to my sons Isaac & John to make one Ton when well dried) annually during his life.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Lewis all the residue of my estate of what name or nature, except my household goods which goods I give to all my children before named to be equally divided between them, and do hereby constitute and appoint my son John Lewis sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published
pronounced and declared
by the said Isaac Lewis
as and for his last Will
and Testament in presence
of us who at his request and
in his presence hereunto set
our names as witnesses to the same.

Daniel Kingsbury
David Lewis
Jason Lewis

The children of Isaac and Abigail were Abigail, born Feb. 27, 1775, married Daniel Fisher Jr. of North Walpole, who have the following descendants, Nathan and Martin of the Civil War, and Joel and Charles Fales, and the latter's son Lewis F. Fales who has just left a noble fund of \$100,000 for the cause of education; Isaac born Aug. 22, 1777, married May 19, 1803, Susannah Ware of Wrentham, whose niece, Elizabeth Jones, was a well-known Boston school teacher, and whose sister married Deacon Shepherd, namesake of Shepherdville, Wrentham; Aaron, born June 25, 1780 married July 23, 1806 Mary Fales of Wrentham.

Among the children of the last were Oliver; Mary who married Charles Turner and they were the parents of the well-known Boston school teacher, M. Amanda Turner; Clarissa who married George Bullard, parents of Clara A. Bullard who married N. Emmons Winslow of Walpole, and had Susie, Marion, Ruth, Frank and Lewis Winslow; Sarah married Lyman Morse who had George and Harrison Morse; Olive, born Apr. 14, 1786 married Warren Allen, and John, born Aug. 13, 1789 married Fanny Smith of Sharon who left children John Jr., Fanny S. and Olive.

DEED, CONEY TO ISAAC LEWIS

Know all men by these presents that I, Joseph Coney of Walpole in the County of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, yeoman, In consideration of Two Hundred and Twenty-six pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence lawful money paid to me in hand by Isaac Lewis of Dedham in the County and Province aforesaid, Yeoman, the receipt whereof I acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto him the said Isaac Lewis, his Heirs and Assigns forever a certain tract of land lying in Walpole, aforesaid containing forty-six acres be the same more or less with a dwelling house and barn thereon bounded as follows as it lyeth on both sides of the road. Beginning at the southwesterly corner of said land on the north side of aforesaid road, thence southerly on land of Benjamin Pettee till it comes to land of Joseph Pettee aforesaid, thence northwesterly and southwesterly on said Joseph Pettee's land till it comes to land of Andrew Willett, thence northerly and westerly on said Willett's land till it comes to a rock near the bend of Neponset River, and thence on said river down stream till it comes to land of Nicholas Harris, thence northeasterly on said Harris land with same variations till it comes to land of Richard Hartshorn on the south side of the road, and on said Hartshorn land, keeping nearly the same course till it comes to Stoughtonham line, thence southeasterly on said line

till it comes to land belonging to the Heirs of Isaac Lewis deceased, thence southwesterly and southerly on land of said Heirs till it comes to the road before mentioned, thence on said road northwesterly till it comes even with the bounds first mentioned which includes the whole of said land or however otherwise bounded or to be bounded.

To have and to hold the same to the said Isaac Lewis his Heirs and Assigns to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Isaac Lewis his Heirs and Assigns, that I am lawfully seized of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Isaac Lewis to hold as aforesaid, and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Isaac Lewis his Heirs and Assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentieth Day of April, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Three and in the Thirteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Joseph Coney (seal)

CHAPTER X

JOHN⁵ Lewis (*John,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) son of John and Elizabeth. He became a blacksmith on old John Lewis Lane, East Dedham. His wife's name was Abigail. Their children were Beulah 1743, Isaac 1745, Sarah 1747: married Thomas Clark. Asa, born Aug. 24, 1750; Bathsheba Sept. 17, 1752, Abner Jan. 27, 1756, and Paul 1760. Abner, with his brother John, served with the Rev. Thomas Balch in the Louisburg Expedition; Paul, born Feb. 17, 1760, and succeeded his father in his blacksmith business in East Dedham. There are on record a John, a David and a Joseph Lewis as his children also. Joseph married Molly Baker Nov. 27, 1760 and had Beulah June 14, 1762, Molly, Oct. 1764, Betsey 1766, Sheba June 7, 1770, Rosa, July 25, 1772, Nancy Sept. 12, 1774, Mary married Samuel Paul Jan. 25, 1753, Bathsheba Samuel Dickerman Oct. 30, 1771.

JOHN⁶ Lewis, Jr. (*John,⁵ Isaac,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) son of John and Deborah, born Aug. 18, 1659, and when hardly out of school or of military age followed his uncle, a school teacher Captain, over the fields to Concord and Lexington, and Washington from Cambridge to New York, Valley Forge and Monmouth and finally settled down in Whitestown in the State of New York. When young he married Anna Pratt of Mansfield but by her had no children. Afterwards he married Mrs. Dotey, and his descendants can now be found as far west as Minnesota, for the writer but a few

years ago was in correspondence with one in a bank in Elk River.

DAVID⁶ Lewis (*John,⁵ Isaac,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) son of John and Deborah, born Mar. 6, 1765, married Feb. 18, 1790, Priscilla Guild of Dedham. As soon as he could get into the patriot ranks he, like his brother John, hastened to the front leaving his father and younger brothers to milk the cows and feed the peaceful pigs and do other men's work. David's first child was Polly, born Feb. 16, 1791; died Feb. 9, 1841; then Jason, born Apr. 1, 1792, who married Ruth Wilkinson of New Hampshire June 7, 1816. Then came a daughter Priscilla, Sept. 15, 1794; and then Miranda, born Oct. 4, 1801. Priscilla married Jacob White of Mansfield, Mass. Oct. 30, 1814, but soon removed to New York State where they founded Whitestown. Miranda married James Ellis of South Walpole and had two daughters, Carrie and Mary Anne. Carrie married the Rev. Mr. Strong. Mary, after some years in the family of Hon. Emerson Wight of Springfield, Mass. died unmarried. Before his death May 2, 1839, David added two ells to his already spacious house, one on the north the other on the south, the northerly one for the family of his son Jason, and finally left the whole estate to him. When Jason's daughter Priscilla became the wife of Calvin G. Plimpton she was given the northerly ell as part of her marriage portion, and it was soon moved down near her new home at the foot of Old Isaac Lewis Lane, where, with considerable remodelling it still stands. David, on the sudden death of his father, John, while serving as constable for his brother Isaac, was taken in charge by

his uncle Isaac owner of the farm next north and by commendable care and industry finally acquired for himself a good estate.

JASON⁷ Lewis (*David,⁶ John,⁵ Isaac,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*) son of David and Priscilla, was born Apr. 1, 1792, died May 30, 1858, married June 7, 1816, Ruth Wilkinson of New Hampshire. After marriage he went to live with his father, and finally acquired the whole estate. Until his health failed Jason weekly carried over land to Boston the produce of his farm, as did his cousin Benjamin Lewis, and Daniel Allen Jr. of the same neighborhood. He was unfortunate one autumn day, while threshing his grain behind the open doors of his large barn in getting afire and losing his well stocked building and its entire contents. All the neighboring Lewises, however, at once turned out, a new barn, still more spacious, was erected and stocked with needed supplies from farm and Fowl meadow, and life soon went on as before. But Jason, already weakened by asthma, never recovered from the misfortune.

His first child was Martha, born Oct. 7, 1817, married Jan. 1, 1839 John R. Hixon of Sharon, a distant relative; and had in Springfield, where he was in the boot and shoe business, Edward, Frances, Imogene and Charley. None now survive.

Jason's daughter Priscilla Guild Lewis, born May 2, 1820, after some finishing touches by a Miss Robichaux, the common French cultural teacher at that time, took up school teaching until her marriage on Nov. 18, 1840 to Calvin G. Plimpton, son of Deacon Henry Plimpton, a near neighbor. For years, it must be said to her great credit, she, with the encourage-



*A pupil of Miss Robichaux and teacher of Principal
Albert Boyden of the Bridgewater Normal School*

PRISCILLA G. LEWIS
Wife of Calvin G. Plimpton



CALVIN G. PLIMPTON

*Senior member of C. G. & H. M. Plimpton, who down
to the War of the Rebellion furnished much of the
iron supplies for the development of our great far
West, and the axle-skins for the overland prairie
schooner*

ment of her loyal husband, successfully defeated her brother-in-law Henry in his determination to set his name on and over the long cherished Lewis homestead and the whole Lewis territory which his misguided ambition coveted. Was it not next to his small home, and could he not see it with those eyes of his? Well what if the Lewis family had owned it for 100 years before his family had moved into Walpole? Why should anyone deny it him? Why? Plimptonville therefore had to end at the Lewis Line although the misguided brother-in-law did his best by speech with the map makers and others to give the public the impression that his small Plimptonville covered not only the lands of the several neighboring Lewis estates, but even the whole East School District. All love and honor to the sacred memory of Priscilla Guild (Lewis) Plimpton whose courage and loyalty defeated so unnatural a spirit and avarice.

Well could she declare that no child of hers should ever so insult the Lewis family's honored birthright and name.

Priscilla Guild (Lewis) Plimpton was blest with a large, healthy and respectable family. A daughter, Caroline A., came first on Feb. 22, 1842, and she also for a time followed the useful and honorable calling of teaching and guiding the young. May 16, 1866, she married the Rev. Edwin A. Adams of Medway, who had been Master of the Walpole High and Classical School, and removed to Manchester, Conn., and afterwards Charlestown, Mass., soon going to Prague, Europe, as missionary, remaining there for years, but finally returning, they settled as missionaries in Chicago, Ill. The last few years of their long and beneficent lives

were quietly spent here in Plimptonville, and both now have been laid to rest here in Maple Grove Cemetery. They also have left a most creditable family, Rebecca, Edwin, Annie, George, Bessie, and Katherine. What of life is beautiful and worthwhile has justly been the share of both parents and children.

Returning to Jason's family, a daughter Sarah on Oct. 8, 1849 married Dr. Henry R. Vaille of Springfield, Mass. Their first child was Frederic, a graduate of Harvard in 1874. He went to Colorado, married and has a family: Frank W.; Medora, and Howard soon followed and now have substantial homes of their own. Jason and Ruth's next child was Ellen, who on June 6, 1853 married Robert Crossett of Springfield. Their children were Cora and Lewis A. Cora died unmarried. Lewis left a married daughter. Lewis became a staunch patron of Young Men's Christian Association, and during the recent World War donated \$50,000 to the cause. Jason's next child was Elizabeth N. who on Feb. 15, 1862 married the Hon. Emerson Wight of Springfield of which he was mayor. She died in Nov. 1871 leaving young Ruth who marrying Mr. Bill of Springfield now has one or more children. Jason's Deborah lived but 3 years dying Oct. 31, 1836.

David, commonly called Major David, married Elizabeth T. Willet of Boston, Nov. 30, 1865. They had two sons, Everett W. and William, both of whom have children. David, while serving in the Civil War, was captured by the enemy and for a while suffered all the horrors of a rebel prisoner. The last son of Jason and Ruth was Jason, Jr., who never married, but saw some service in the Civil War. He was left his father's farm but soon tired of farming, willed it to his brother

David and soon died from a runaway accident of his horse in the public street.

Priscilla G. (Lewis) Plimpton had, besides Caroline A., Priscilla, born Jan. 21, 1844, who never married, but changing to the Baptist faith did a great deal of commendable benevolent work in Norwood, Mass. Her next younger sister Idella, born Dec. 30, 1848, married the Rev. Henry L. Kendall, Barrington, R. I. He filled pastorates in Walpole and Charlestown, Mass. Helen and Henry P. Kendall were their children. Helen married Preserved Smith and spent a year in Germany in study and literary work. Her subsequent life was sadly brief, but she is now well represented by a daughter, Priscilla, in Vassar College. Henry P. was early sent to Amherst College, where he gained prominence in athletic sports. After graduation he took hold of the Lewis Manufacturing Company of Walpole, and on the outbreak of the World War, adding medical and hospital supplies, established other mills in the South, much to his credit and not a little to his bank roll. Henry P.'s marriage came somewhat late, but both he and his genial helpmeet are valiantly catching up, a son a year, she tells the writer. Who could do more? Another fact in connection with this Henry and Idella family deserves mentioning here. At the 328th anniversary of our first American ancestor, William Lewis, at the Castle here, although over 80 years old, the mother and wife Idella shared with the writer the chief attention and honor of the reunion.

Next after Idella came John Calvin who, after some years in business in Boston, married Caroline Bird of East Walpole, and moved to Liverpool, England, where he established a business which he still conducts. He

has a son and daughter but their mother has long since passed on.

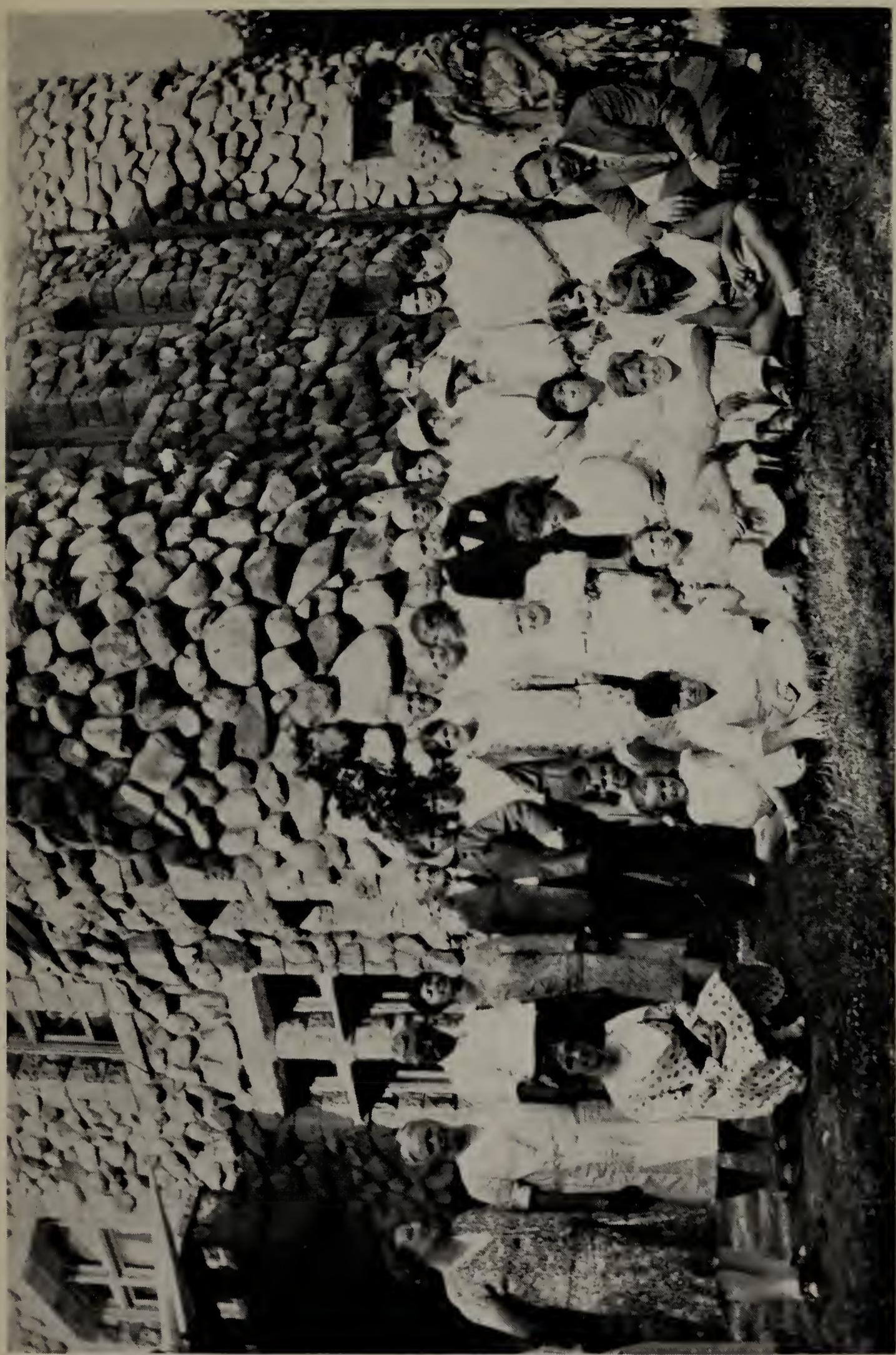
After John Calvin in Priscilla's family came Lewis Henry, born Jan. 8, 1853. After his A.B. at Harvard he entered the Medical School and took a subsequent course in Vienna, Austria. Returning home he married Miss Alice Morrill of Norwood. They left no children.

The next child of Priscilla and Calvin was George Arthur born July 13, 1855. After a preparatory course at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H. he took an A.B. at Amherst College, and after a brief stay at the Harvard Law School left to join the publishing house of Ginn & Company, school books, of which he is now the head, and still continues on the Board of Trustees of Amherst College. George has married twice. His first wife, Miss Frances Parsons, was early called, leaving a promising son named after his mother Francis, who after graduation from Harvard Law School established a law office in New York City. George A.'s second wife has a young son, John Calvin, and daughter Emily, both like their mother Anne, worthy representatives of the President and Lucy Hayes family to which their mother Anne Hastings belongs.

Next child of Priscilla and Calvin was J. Edward who was born Oct. 27, 1856, who also has an Amherst A.B. He also has been married twice, his first wife having early died with her babe. The second, Ella Newhall, a Norwood school teacher, from Boston. Edward still conducts his Foundry business in Norwood.

The next child Herbert M. was born May 13, 1859 who after studying at Williston Academy of Easthampton, established at Norwood the well known Plimpton Press. He married Miss Frances Winslow of Norwood.

328th ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM LEWIS BY HIS DESCENDANTS AT ISAAC LEWIS CASTLE 1930



Both his wife and three of his four children have now passed on.

The next and last of Priscilla's family was Howard Emerson born Apr. 7, 1862, married Miss Grace Morrill of Norwood, and left three children, now married and parents themselves.

JOSEPH⁶ Lewis (*John*,⁵ *Isaac*,⁴ *Barachiah*,³ *John*,² *William*¹), son of John and Deborah, born July 7, 1773, married for his first wife Rachel Wallace. They at once moved into the Needham Place, for Joseph was always an innkeeper. There their only child was born and called John, after his grandfather. Rachel, the mother, soon died. Joseph, however, soon married Lydia Crane and had several children: Adeline, Dec. 9, 1832, who married Lewis Johnson of South Dedham. She died leaving two children, Adeline and Lewis. The widow of the son Lewis is still living.

The next child of Joseph and Lydia was Willard born Sept. 24, 1808, at the old tavern on Centre Street, West Roxbury. Then Rachel who married Lewis Johnson and had daughters Harriet, Martha and Rachel Anna. Willard spent many of his youthful years with Deacon Richards of North Walpole. On Sept. 19, 1832 he married Harriet Fisher, granddaughter of Isaac and Abigail Lewis, and purchased the Elijah Thompson place corner of Washington and Short Streets, East Walpole. A large part of his land lay to the north, between Washington and East Streets, which, after his sale to the town of the East District School House Lot, he turned into one of the fairest peach orchards ever seen. The old one story wooden schoolhouse, the first schoolhouse in the easterly part of Walpole, with its

green painted solid door and red wooden shuttered windows, was moved down from the Daniel Allen location over opposite the Lewis Castle grounds, and there the writer met his first public school-mistress, a far cry from Agassiz, Sophocles, Bowen, Goodwin, Lowell, Peabody, Pierce and Eliot some fifteen years later at Harvard.

Willard and Harriet had Olive born December 9, 1835, married Jan. 1, 1860 Joel Fales and have two sons now in the far West. Then Joseph born Sept. 25, 1838, died April 19, 1856; Harriet M. born April 30, 1834, died Aug. 22, 1834; Harriet M. born Jan. 6, 1841 married Francis Fuller Jan. 25, 1862, but died April 30, 1868. Next Clara A. born Oct. 18, 1845 married Anson F. Engley Nov. 20, 1870 leaving three children, a son Carlton A., who married a Miss Amy Lewis of Walpole "Plain"; Herbert Engley of Dorchester and a daughter, Susie, also married.

After the death of his first wife, Willard married Joanna, daughter of Deacon Henry Plimpton, by whom he had a son Willard Irving, born Aug. 4, 1856, who after graduation from Amherst married a worthy maiden from Portsmouth, N. H., by whom he had several worthy children, honored at Harvard, Radcliffe and other high educational institutions.

John, son of Joseph and Rachel married for his first wife Lydia Coleman of Warren, N. H. where he continued to reside. On account of the early death of his mother, John was brought up by his Uncle David Lewis. He had, by his first wife, a daughter Ursula, who married and settled down in New York. John's first wife dying, he married Emily Tiffet — no children.

Bradford, son of Joseph and Lydia born Oct. 9, 1819 was in his youth placed with Herman Guild of Walpole,

and Sharon; but married Hannah A. Gay of Sharon on Oct. 27, 1841. He brought his young wife to some chambers in the Jason Lewis house, until he had completed building a permanent home on old Isaac Lewis Lane near by. Here were born his children — E. Frank, April 1, 1843; Josephine G. Oct. 3, 1845; James Bradford, May 2, 1851. After selling this home he moved to another part of the town, and had children Harry Newhall and Florence A., the former March 16, 1855, the latter December 27, 1857. He finally purchased the Daniel Payson place on Main Street, Walpole, and there lived the rest of his life. Both he and his brother Willard were Deacons of the Walpole Orthodox Church, and useful and extensive manufacturers; Willard beginning with carpet and, after purchasing the old Whitman Mill in the center of the town, cotton batting, medical supplies, etc. Willard also became a member of the State House of Representatives and materially helped in building the present Orthodox Meetinghouse. Bradford at times ran a saw mill, coal yard, general store and paper mill. His son E. Frank on July 23, 1867 married Marion Boyden of South Walpole, and had several children, located about the city of Lawrence where for years he has lived and successfully conducted a wool scouring business. Frank some years ago, having purchased his father's home in Walpole, deeded it over to the Orthodox Church for general civic and religious uses and erected on Isaac Lewis Square a beautiful memorial to his parents by way of a public drinking fountain. Harry N. married Georgia Ellis and left H. Raymond and Madeline, who have children. Both early joined the S. A. R. and D. A. R. to which they and their families have always been loyal.

Josephine G. born Jan. 10, 1866 married Henry A. Billings of South Walpole. They soon settled down in Providence, R. I., where they had two children.

James Bradford, usually associated with his father in business, soon married Alice, daughter of Deacon Elbridge Guild of Walpole, who had a son, bright, active and strong, but fated in his prime to die by a cruel accident.

Florence A., always lived unmarried with her father, and is now a member of the D. A. R. in Brookline, Mass.

Oliver, son of John and Deborah, like many young men of his time, early left home for a whaling cruise, and never returned — one of the mysteries of the deep.

CHAPTER XI

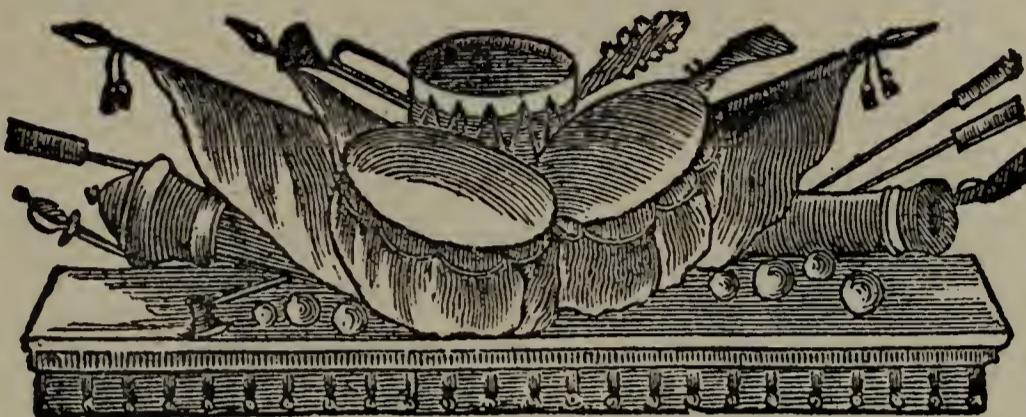
ISAAC⁶ Lewis, Jr. (*Isaac,⁵ Isaac,⁴ Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*), son of Isaac and Abigail, born Aug. 22, 1777, married Susannah Ware of Wrentham, Mass., May 19, 1803. On Dec. 18, 1801 he purchased the estate, adjoining his father's on the east, of the Patriot Nicholas Harris, formerly the Joseph Carroll place, extending from the Stoughton line across what is now East Street down to the Neponset River, being a part of the old Indian Reservation.

He early took up trucking and farming, running over the road to both Boston and Providence, and helped lay out and construct the Norfolk and Bristol Turnpike that for a considerable distance ran through his land. His first child was named William after Sergeant William who lost his life on the Crown Point Expedition. William was born March 17, 1804; then came Warren, July 24, 1806; Susannah Oct. 26, 1808, died Sept. 1865; Benjamin Jan. 18, 1812; Isaac Sept. 23, 1814; George and James, twins, born Nov. 8, 1816; Mary Eliza and Margaret Emily, twins, born Aug. 7, 1818. Isaac was usually known as Isaac Junior to distinguish him from his father. Some 16 new houses have of late sprung up on his old estate, his large barn burned to the ground, and a railroad built entirely across. His old house, though somewhat modernized, still stands, and always in the family's hands until the death of Martha Lewis Ogilvie and the recent sale by her sister Mary Frances Lewis. On Aug. 6, 1825 he died, and was followed by his widow Dec. 17, 1854. William, the eldest son, was

appointed to settle the estate. Benjamin was given the place on condition of furnishing his mother and invalid sister Susan with suitable home and support for life.

WILLIAM purchased the 12-acre lot on Washington Street and, after marrying Judith M. Whittemore, niece of the Deacon and Selectman Whittemore of West Roxbury built a commodious house, barn and other buildings at Lewis Square on the corner of Old Lewis Lane and East Street, the extreme westerly border of the old Indian Reservation, and moved the old red gate at the head of the lane so that Calvin G. Plimpton could have freer course to his place at the foot. On this home lot William spared no time or cost in transplanting vines, shrubs, and fruit trees, roses, lilies, pinks, daffodils, rosemary, honeysuckle, Peckspleasant, pippins, Baldwins, R. I. russet, greening, orange sweeting, quince apple, quinces and all kinds of plums, strawberries and peaches and pears, even in the writer's time, sugar cane, mulberry and silk worms abounded. He never tired beautifying the public streets of the town with the elms and willows at Walpole Center and around his Uncle Shepherd's in Shepherdville, Wrentham. He earlier aroused the church to make music a more prominent part of divine service, and although the weekly rehearsals were necessarily held over a mile away he never failed to be present, and the writer's earliest recollection is of him attired in his long Napoleon gray cloak, carefully grasping his precious old bass viol, with which he led the music each Sunday, hurrying out into the dark night and away. In 1851 he organized an effort to secure for his church a pipe organ by general subscription, and soon brought them a capital Jardine one upon which

he and his son John first played. For years he had been known as Sergt. William of the Walpole Light Infantry, his brother-in-law being Lieutenant. One of his invitations to the military ball is here inserted. The ball



Military Ball.

*On Monday the eighth of January next, at four o'clock P. M. yourself and partner are requested to honour with your presence a **MILITARY BALL**, which will be given at DAVID MORSE, Esqs. Hall, in honour of*

JACKSON'S VICTORY,

obtained at New Orleans January 8th, 1815.

<i>JABEZ MORSE, WM. BLACKBURN, JOSIAH N. BIRD, FRANCIS COLE, WARREN WILD,</i>	}	<i>Managers.</i>
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Walpole, Dec. 15, 1826.

was where Lafayette was publicly entertained in East Walpole, on his first visit to America after the Revolution, and where the old Neponset Reservoir Company of which the writer has been for many years Director and Clerk in succession to the Hon. Francis W. Bird, first met.

William was for some time engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements in New York. He was a member and organizer of Walpole's first library and Orthodox Church and Society. His old home still stands just as it did 100 years ago and is still owned and occupied by his only surviving children, Isaac Newton and Mary Francis Lewis.

The children of William and Judith were John William born July 28, 1836, died Dec. 31, 1898, married June 19, 1861, Mary Emma Crowell of Norwich, Conn. John was engaged in music and painting from birth, and, during the greater part of his life, was notable for his ability in band and orchestra, and publicly known as the Theodore Thomas of Connecticut for years. He and his cousin Judge Holbrook of Norwich were for years leaders of Church and Orchestral Music there as well as at Dr. Arms', Davies', and Haynes' churches. The Lewis Band and Orchestra was known and heard in every part of the state. In earlier life John was with Oliver Ditson of Boston, and while there his earliest musical compositions were published. When only 16 years old he taught public singing school in town and church, and the old Holbrook pipe organ on which he and his father, Sergt. William taught their church organ music is still a precious possession of the writer. He died in Norwich Dec. 31, 1898, and rests in the Yantic Cemetery by his wife, who died a few years before. They left no children.

The next child of William and Judith was James Albert, born June 30, 1840, married Clara W. Pierce of Rochester, Mass., Sept. 1, 1861. Soon after marriage he enlisted in the Union Army 44th Regt. M. V. M. The enclosed portrait was taken at Newbern, N. C. in



BUGLER AND BAND MUSICIAN JAMES A. LEWIS,
44th REGT. M. V. M.

(*Taken at Newbern, N. C., 1863*)



JOHN W. LEWIS, BANDMASTER AND
ORGANIST

1862, while a bugler, and member of the regimental band. James Albert was through life connected with some brass band, and on Memorial day, sounded attention and "Taps." After the war he followed spring making as superintendent in Walpole, Bridgeport and Cincinnati. Returning to Walpole in old age he lost his last child Arthur W. and his wife, and was left with three minor children of this son, Edward A., Harold F., and Herbert W. The writer then took them into the Castle with him, where he lived until his death Nov. 22, 1914. His funeral was the first held in the Castle, and was conducted with all the honors due the soldier from Grand Army circles. His monument has embossed on its top his bugle, sling, and fatigue cap. His wife, children, Edward, Gertie and Georgie rest in Maple Grove by his side. His grandchildren are now all married and have children, Edward A. in Missouri; Harold F. in Walpole, and Herbert Warren, who has two girls, Bertina and Ilione by Hazel Kelley, a former school teacher of Plymouth, N. H. at Lewis Castle, Walpole, Mass.

The next child of William and Judith was Emma Maria, born May 16, 1842, married Dec. 24, 1863 Moses W. Pierce of Piercerville, Rochester, Mass., a Union soldier. The husband belonged to the Grand Army, his wife, Emma with her two sisters, Angie L. and Mary Frances Lewis, to the Nelly Custis Lewis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, founded and organized by the latter.

Emma Maria, like her younger sisters, was always prominent in church and musical circles. She was married on her mother's 50th birthday, and started on her honeymoon journey by her brother Isaac on his 15th.

The children of Maria Emma and Moses were Wil-

liam W. Pierce, Lemuel H. Pierce, and Samuel W. Pierce. William W. married Rachel, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Andrews of Dartmouth, Mass., and had Annie Maria, for years a valuable school teacher in the public schools of New Bedford, and a loyal member of the Nelly Custis Lewis Chapter D. A. R. So far Miss Annie has preferred single blessedness. Such a good daughter would make a good wife for some worthy man. Her brothers, Lester and Wesley, are married and have children.

Lemuel H., Emma's second son, married Miss Maud Pierce of Nova Scotia, but have as yet no children of their own. Both are most capable and good children and citizens.

Samuel W., son of Emma and Moses, early took up the carpenter's trade at which he was most proficient. He married a good and capable wife by whom he had four interesting children, Norman, Almy, Emma and Ernest. All but Almy, a hospital nurse, are now marriel and have children. The father, Samuel, met with a sad accident by falling from a roof on which he was working, causing the loss of one of his limbs. This happened before the mother's death.

The next child of William and Judith was Georgia A., born Oct. 6, 1844, married William Fisher Bethany, Grand Knight Templar, Lawrence, Mass. She was early a prominent soprano singer in church, festival, and Sunday School circles. After moving to Lawrence they had William, who soon died, then Mattie, since married to William Miller of New Hampshire, Annie May, for years a prominent teacher in the public schools of Lawrence, now happily married to George B. Talbot of Norwood, Mass., and Lewis, still unmarried. In Law-

rence Annie May has been a useful and worthy member of the church and of the Nelly Custis Lewis Chapter D. A. R. and in Norwood, her new home, she loyally continues the work.

The next child of William and Judith was Angelina, born Oct. 21, 1846, married William A. Millard, a Boston carpenter from Halifax, N. S. She possessed a melodious contralto voice and fine musical taste and talent, which always kept her busy in Orthodox Church circles, quartet and festivals. After moving to Boston, her husband working on the Phillips Brooks Trinity Church, they had children Frederick, William A., Jr., Flora A., and Ilione Millard, who now are married and have several children. Flora A. married Charles A. Tarbell, long employed in Boston City Hall, however has no children, and death finally took her husband, she for some years being prominent in the social and benevolent work of the Codman Church and Society in Dorchester.

William A. married Nellie Delano of Boston, and after adopting young Ava, lost twins, and now has Eleanor and Marjorie, a happy band.

Ilione married Frank Bishop, of Dorchester, now president of Natick Trust Company, and has three bright and capable children, Frank, Jr., Dorothy and Wendell. Frank, Jr., has recently entered the Old Market Bank, Watertown, Mass.

William and Judith's next child was Isaac Newton, the writer, but nothing except perhaps a life of 83 years more or less spent in home and foreign research to ascertain sufficient data concerning the Lewis family to which he belongs, can justify his personal experience to a greater length than the patient reader of the same fam-

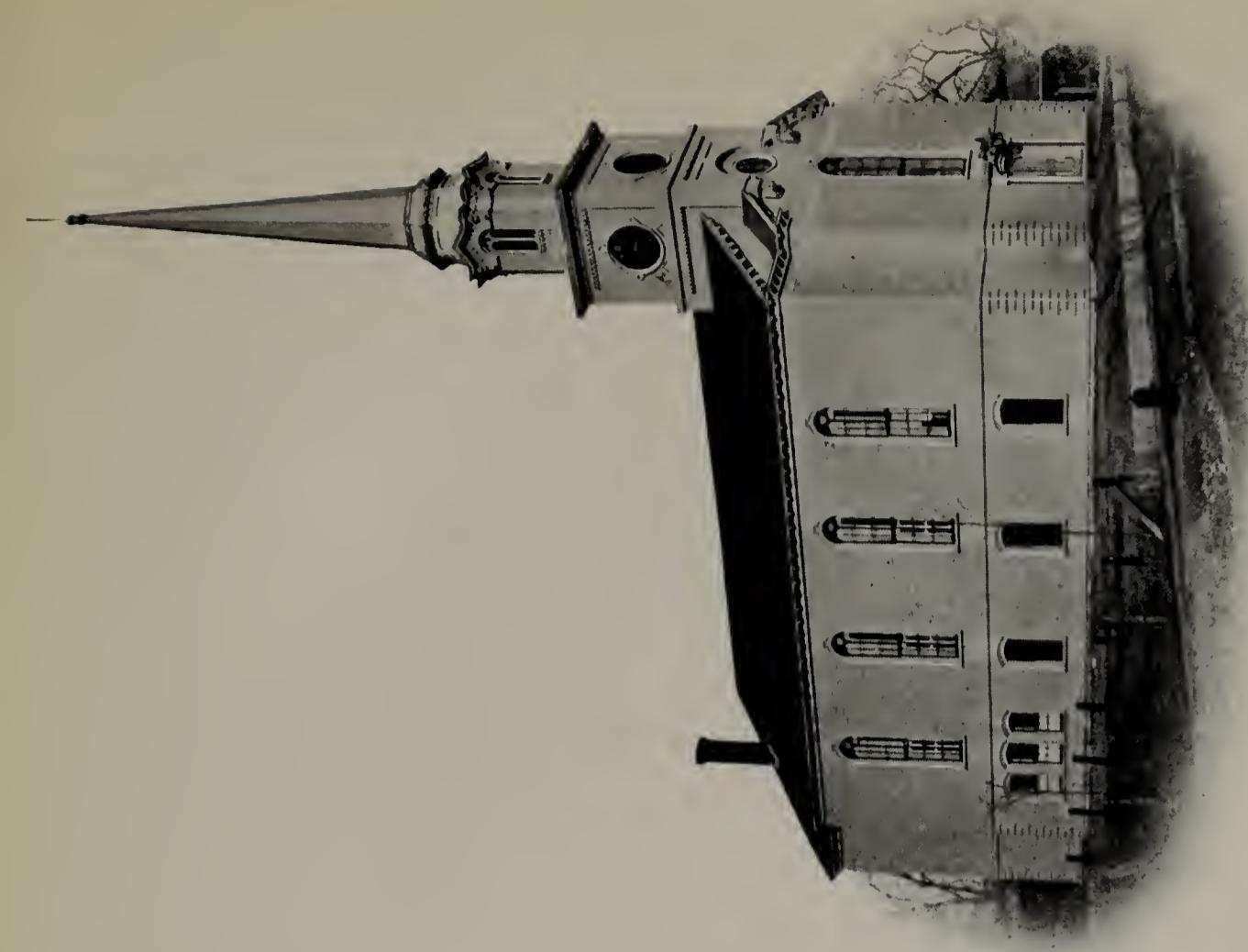
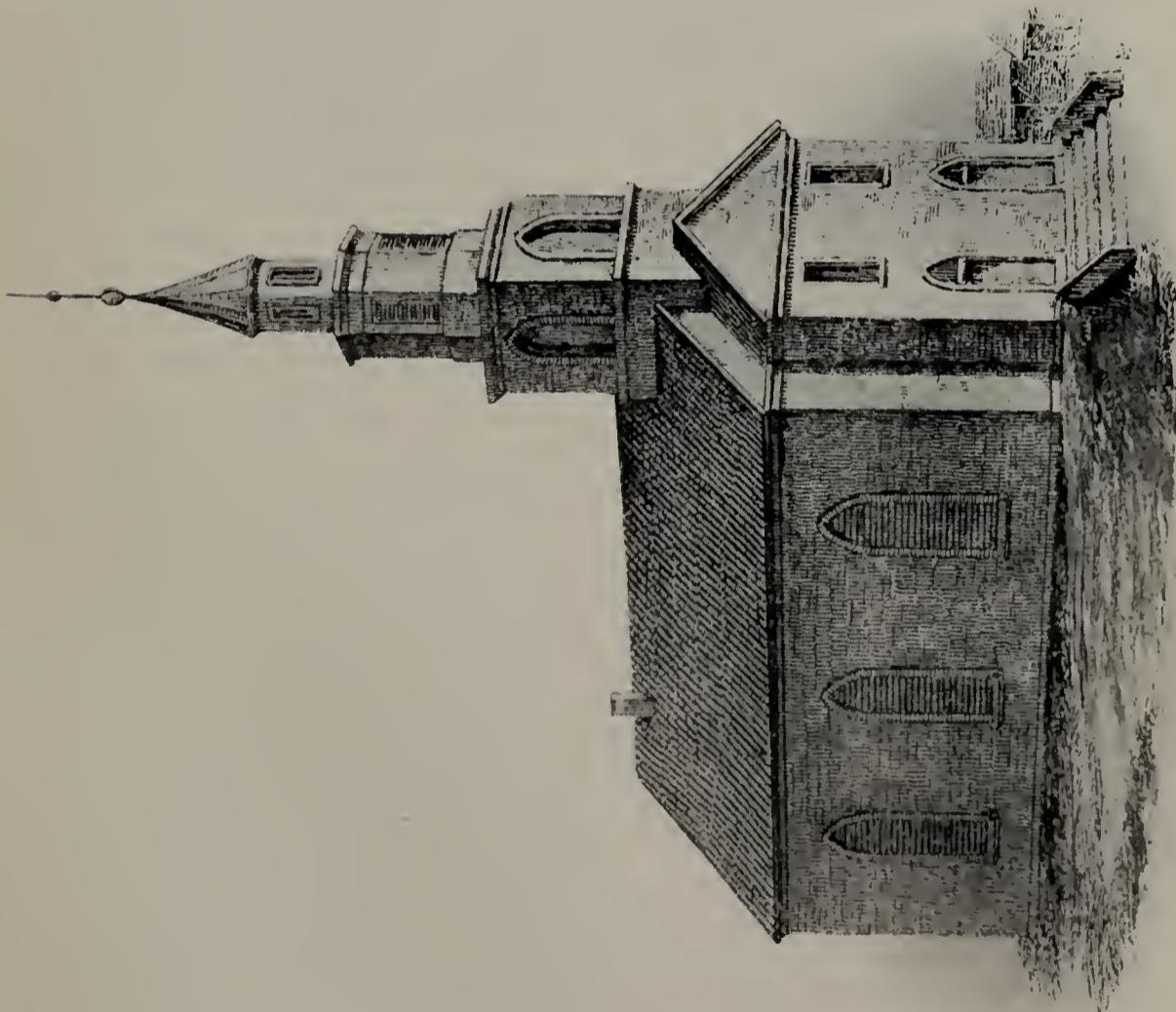
ily. Isaac Newton at his birth was entrusted with the custody and future care of the most valuable and useful volume the William Lewis family ever possessed, the old Scotch family Bible of Isaac and Mary (Whiting) Lewis 1701-1799, which now rests with his "Buggs," "Breeches," "Dutch," "Martin Luther" Bibles, and other curious manuscripts and books as far back as to the year of the Jerusalem Crusader, since the 200th Anniversary of Walpole in 1924, in glass cases in the Public Library of the Town, and its accompanying silver spoons in the treasure room of the Washington Headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This old Edinburgh Bible never gave any clue of Scotland having been the original home of the Lewis family. It was reported by one member of the family who had gone over from here for a short vacation that Wales was "*it*" with the usual finality of "that is that."

Isaac Newton declared this report incorrect and untrustworthy and that from the time of Henry VIII, at least, our family had lived and died near London, England, and herein gives from parish records ample proof of the reliability of his claim. To secure this proof several visits to England, France and Wales, much correspondence and not a little money has been spent in this matter. His first report was made "In Memoriam" in 1872 while a junior at Harvard College. To make this work more valuable and interesting a few Lewis wills from Bury St. Edmunds and elsewhere are for the first time here made known and published. The very name of the old monastery, that was derived from an early Saxon King, should be appreciated by all. Edmund, the early Saxon King, was canonized by the

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FIRST ORTHODOX CHURCH — WALPOLE 1827

Of which Willard Lewis was Deacon

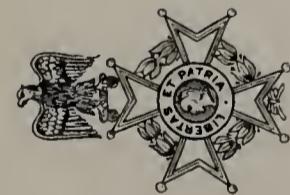
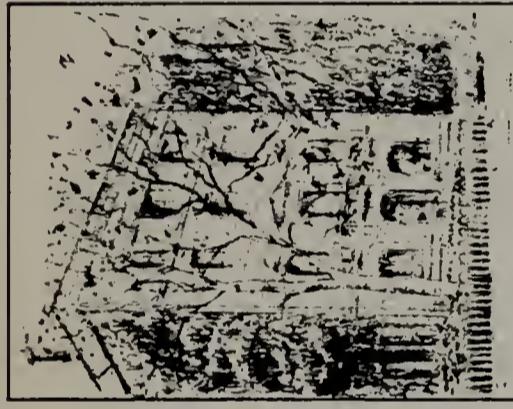


Church and this Ancient Religious House named in his honor, and taken early by our Lewis branch for a Christian name and soon after our first William taken from William the Conqueror. There were graduated by Cambridge University during the century preceding our family emigration ten Williams to hardly any Edmunds. The earliest Lewis parish record so far is the birth of a daughter born the second year of Queen Elizabeth's reign, in 1559, to Edmund, and named Elizabeth after the queen.

Isaac Newton Lewis began his education in the first schoolhouse in the eastern part of Walpole in 1852, and gained after four years resident study an A.B. from Harvard College under the eminent scholar President Charles W. Eliot; an A.M. from Boston University under its President William Warren, equally eminent, the very first bestowed by that now large institution of learning; and an LL.B. from the latter in 1876. During his life to that point he had taught in the East Walpole School, the Walpole High and Classical School, the Eliot High School of Boston and Chelsea Academy. In 1874 he had further study in England and on the Continent, supplementing it in 1876 and 1887-88 when his course extended completely around the globe, at that time as president of a company owning 8 newspapers. In 1876 after being appointed Justice of the Peace with power to hear and determine cases, he established his Boston Law Office on the second floor of the Commonwealth Bank Building, opposite the north side of the Boston Post Office, where he continued for the next thirty years, adding Notary Public and Commissioner Referee and Auditor to his other offices. In 1879 after a long struggle, he and a few public spirited co-workers

succeeded in getting the Boston Board of Aldermen acting as County Commissioners of Suffolk County, to collect and print the then fast decaying first records of the City, County and Massachusetts Bay. Never was anything more needed or since appreciated by the Public. In the latter part of the 1870's he was appointed by Court with Sheriff Holman to settle the Wilder-Forbush Estate in Bolton and Lancaster, Mass., which included a large mansion, once made ready to permanently receive and house no less a personage than Napoleon Bonaparte, two large barns, a high steeple meeting house, where some years back the 2nd Minister of South Dedham, the Rev. Mr. Chickering, for years prayed and preached; a Tadmore festival house, built of bark, but with brick fireplaces and chimney; a saw mill; a boot and shoe factory, extensive lands, flock of sheep, and a long extent of railroad. As our first American ancestor was buried there in 1671, and his daughter Lydia and family slain there by the Indians, five years later, he had an unusually good opportunity to view William's rich and beautiful country home at the junction of the Nashua River, its fertile fields and lush meadows, with noble Wachusett raising its lofty head in plain sight. He here got some compensation for his long labors in behalf of the Lewis family, a compensation that will cease only on his death. Isaac Newton has been honored by being Town Counsel and Associate Counsel, School Committee, Public Library Trustee and Orator and Odist. His History of Walpole, public addresses, and "Minute Men and other Patriots of Walpole, Mass." and even "In Memoriam" and "Pleasant House" in "Sunny Lands" which admitted him to the Authors and Royal Societies Clubs of London will long

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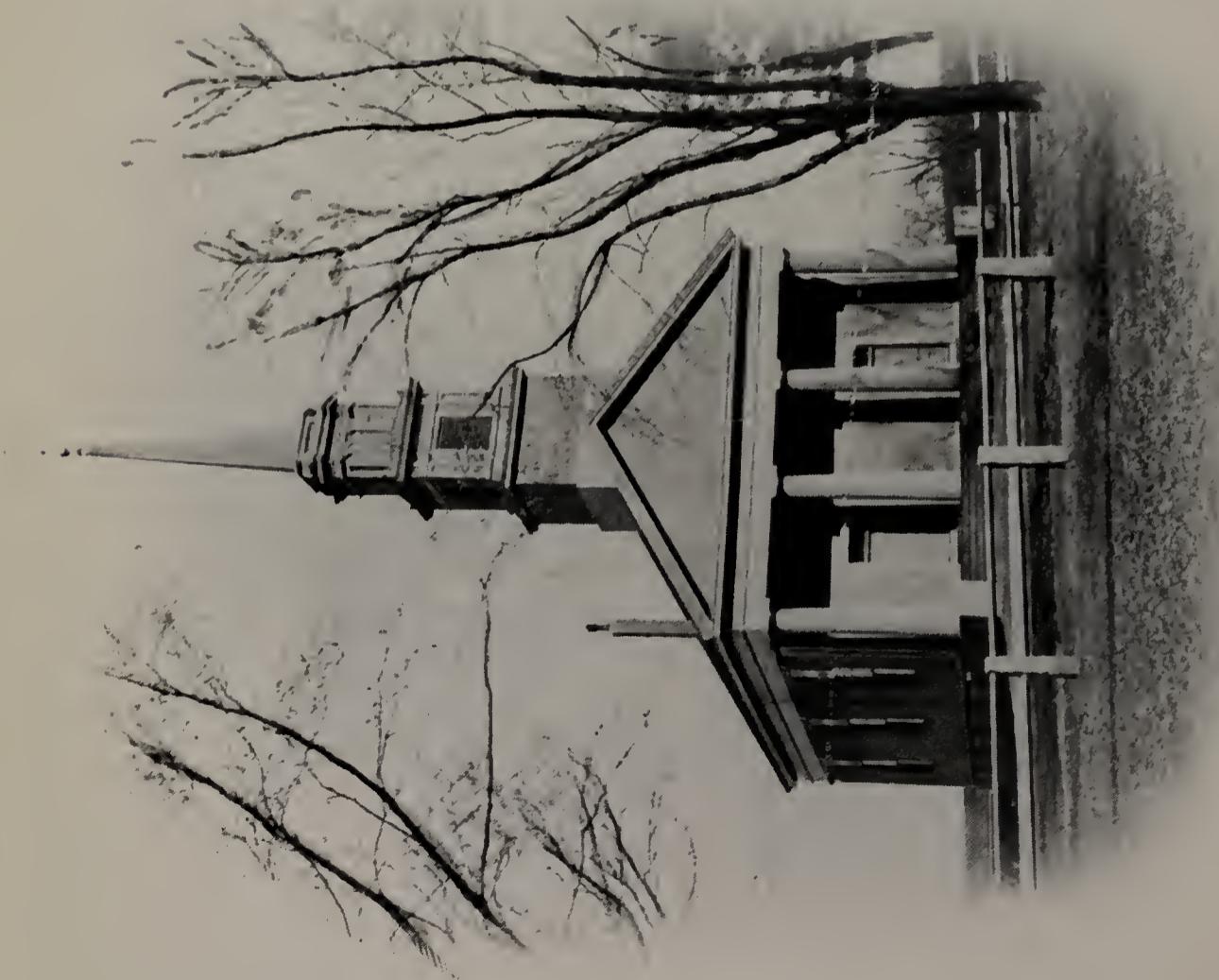
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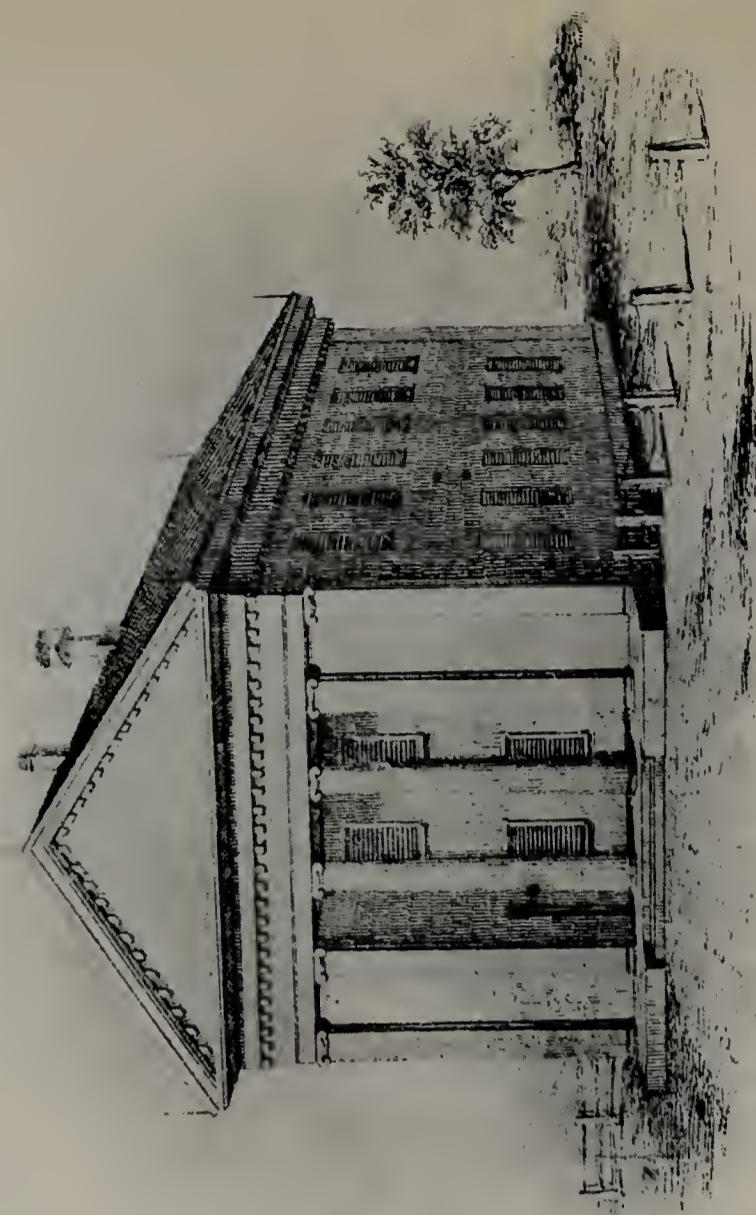
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The scene of the writer's 2nd experience as a teacher



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survive him, as well as his annual gifts of medals and books to found a personal library to our public school pupils, and to all loyal and worthy members of the Lewis family wherever living; his memorial to Capt. Barachiah Lewis, so early a martyr to personal sacrifice and his noble courage, will never be forgotten, the lasting bronze figure of the noble animal which so often bore him safely up to his death will ever preserve the Lewis Square of his grandson Patriot Isaac in spite of the selfish and misguided opposition shown at its erection. In 1896 Isaac Newton built Lewis Castle on land purchased in 1742 by his great great grandfather Isaac Lewis, hoping to share it with his widowed mother, but she soon died and he married his cousin Etta on April 19, 1899, taking his wife and her widowed mother immediately to live there. This Castle and outlying land, some of which has been in the family's possession since 1696, Isaac Newton has given to his grandnephews, Edward, Harold and Herbert Lewis, on the condition that they prove themselves worthy members of the family.

The next of the children of William and Judith was Alberta, too fragile and fair to long endure, born Oct. 3, 1850, died Nov. 28, 1851. She sleeps in the arms of her mother in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston.

The next child was Martha, born July 24, 1852, married Eli M. Ogilvie of Nova Scotia, and took possession of the Isaac Lewis Jr. and Benjamin Lewis estate, where she recently died.

The last but far from least of the children of William and Judith was Mary Frances, born Aug. 6, 1855, still living with her brother Isaac Newton on their birthplace, the old William Lewis homestead, Lewis Square, Walpole, Mass. She never married though many times

sought by desirable suitors. God's creatures, whether human or animal have always been her special care. Kindness to children and all stray and friendless creatures has ever been her life work, her religious and pious care. When her brother founded in 1916 the Gen. Francis Lewis Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Mary founded and organized a similar chapter in the Daughters of the American Revolution, called by her the Nelly Custis Lewis Chapter for George Washington's adopted daughter Nelly Custis, the wife of Maj. Lawrence Lewis, the son of his sister Betty, Washington's favorite nephew, and executor of his will. For 11 consecutive years Mary Frances served as Regent of her chapter, increasing its membership to over 60, and helping towards the erection in Washington, D. C., of the three beautiful buildings, Memorial, Continental Hall, Administration Building and Constitution Hall at the cost of some \$3,000,000, for which a chapter chair dedicated to her honor has been placed in the National Headquarters at Washington. This chair, the Lewis silver, the several books and inscriptions on the bronze tablet at the National S. A. R. Headquarters will speak for centuries of the public, civic and patriotic spirit of both sister and brother.

The next child of Isaac and Susannah was Warren, born July 24, 1806, married in Dec. 1829 Mary D. Morse of South Dedham, died Sept. 8, 1863. Warren soon after marriage, with a few of his neighbors such as Jabez Coney and Ellis Morse began the manufacture of paper where Frank W. Bird of Walpole some years later established his well known paper plant, and Warren and his son, George, afterwards were for years there employed.



LEWIS CASTLE, LEWIS PARK AVE. EAST WALPOLE

The children of Warren and Mary were Ann Maria, born Oct. 27, 1833, married David F. Grover Sept. 1853, and left at the time of her death May 21, 1865, Edmund, born April 7, 1855 and Ella M. born July 1, 1858. Edmund married Isabel Jondreau of New Hampshire, and died leaving Shirley, who married Frederic Bell; Stanley, and Arnold who married Belle L. Wells, a school teacher of Connecticut, and has a daughter. Arnold has for years had charge of the Manual Training Department of our Walpole Schools. It is not known that Ella M. ever married. After living some years in Brooklyn, N. Y., she returned to Walpole where for some years she has been a loyal D. A. R.

Henry, son of Warren and Mary, was born Oct. 7, 1831. After removing to Manchester, N. H., married Hannah Beach of Salisbury, Vt. Aug. 31, 1853. His vocation has largely been room superintendent of the Amoskeag Mill, Manchester although for a time he conducted a boot and shoe store in R. I. Henry had an honorable Civil War record and a fine musical taste. Hannah outlived him some years. Their children were Fred H. a talented musician, organist and pianist, a pupil of Ebem Tourgee and the New England Conservatory of Music. He married Annie Soule, a teacher of instrumental music, and left on his sad and untimely death at Massabesic Lake, N. H., one child, F. Percival, a pupil of J. W. Payne of Harvard College, where he graduated in 1903. For some years he has been organist of the Unitarian Church, Woburn, Mass. and Vice President of the Francis Lewis Chapter Sons of the American Revolution — not married at present.

Walter F., Henry's other son, still lives with Abbie Bridges, his wife, in Manchester, N. H. They as yet

have no children. Music compositions and organ playing has for years been his chief vocation, though a limited time was given to civil engineering.

The next child of Warren and Mary was Mary A. born May 27, 1835, married Jan. 1, 1854 Samuel Bird, and for years she occupied the easterly half of her birthplace in East Walpole, finally a new home across the Neponset River on Washington Street where she survived her husband for some years. There were no children.

George W. was the next child of Warren and Mary, born Feb. 7, 1837, married, after a comfortable 12 years' courtship, in June 17, 1863, Caroline A. Cheney, a neighbor. He enlisted in the Union Army Infantry in the Civil War and went to the Virginia front with the 18th Regiment, M. V. M., a cornetist in the band the greater part of the time. On returning home he entered into the employment of F. W. Bird paper maker. On Oct. 13, 1868, they lost their little daughter, Gertrude, I., but subsequently were blessed with a son, Bernard, who after his mother's death and the remarriage of his father, left home, married and has a considerable family, one named for his great grandfather, others for other male relatives, Arthur, Wilbur, Chester and Warren, and is living at the present time with son Wilbur in Wollaston, Mass.

The next child of Warren and Mary was Louisa M. born Mar. 15, 1841. She always lived with her mother and never married.

The last child of Warren and Mary was Clara A. born 1852 and died 1854.

Benjamin, son of Isaac Jr. and Susannah was born Jan. 18, 1812 married Aug. 22, 1841 Irene P. Davis

of Rumney, N. H. died Nov. 19, 1866. He, by agreement of his brothers and sisters, on condition that he would give to his mother and invalid sister Susan, lodging and support for life, received his father's entire estate. This he faithfully did, and in so living, lived an honest and thrifty farmer's life. On certain work days he carried farm produce, milk, butter, eggs to the Boston market bringing home his large market wagon at night loaded with such articles as had been ordered by his neighbors. With all this he served as local butcher, trained in his brother's Sergt. William's Company in the Walpole Light Infantry and religiously took his family in the Fall to the sea shore and every Sunday to church. His children were Abby F., born Jan. 22, 1844, married Stephen F. Turner of Medfield as his second wife Nov. 7, 1871, he then having by Miss Babcock two young daughters. Abby F., by a fall on the ice before her husband's death, received an injury to her spine by which she became helpless. She left no children.

The next child of Benjamin and Irene was Julia M., born June 13, 1846. She and her younger sister Etta F. born June 24, 1853 lived with their widowed mother and never married.

The next child of Isaac Jr. and Susannah was Isaac born Feb. 23, 1814, married Mary Bryant of Hooksett, N. H. He when young followed his employer, Dr. Deane, from East Walpole, Mass. to Hooksett, and finally moved down to Manchester, where he became the yard master and shipping clerk at the Manchester Print Works. For years he was a member of the City Council. He outlived his wife, but left no children.

The first set of twins of Isaac, Jr. and Susannah were

George and James, they being born Nov. 8, 1816. George early left home for New Bedford, Mass. where he signed for a long whaling cruise, and for years sailed the seven seas in that exciting and perilous occupation. He then shifted to the Lakes and while there he met Mary Davis, a Michigan school teacher, married her, purchased from the U. S. Government a large tract of virgin land in the northwestern part of Ohio, and building thereon a New England style house, in marked contrast to the common crude log cabins all about him, permanently settled down. When the writer first visited him he was living in a large modern brick house which he had erected in front of his first Ohio home, having turned that into a summer kitchen and quarters for his farm hands for ploughing and threshing. George had Millard 1854, Clara 1856, Ida 1858, Jennie 1861 and William Nov. 9, 1865. The father died first and was followed by mother, Ida and Millard. Only Clara and William live on the home place. Millard for years conducted and published the only newspaper in that section. He married Miss Saunders from an adjacent town, and left two sons. Jennie had one son. Clara and William are unmarried.

James, the other male twin, early went to live with his uncle, Dea. Shepherd, in Wrentham, who was mill owner of Shepherdville, to learn the business, and followed the family to Philadelphia and New York City. In Newark, N. J. he set up a straw business, and married Eveline Anderson in Sept. 1860. On Aug. 16, 1861, his only child, Henrietta, the wife of the writer, was born. He finally removed to Monson, Mass. still engaged in the manufacture of straw goods, and his daughter gaining an education at the Monson Academy. He, on



OFFICERS OF THE NELLIE CUSTIS LEWIS CHAPTER,
D. A. R. AFTER MEMORIAL DAY DINNER AT
THE CASTLE

Regent Mary Frances Lewis is seated with hat off



OFFICERS OF THE FRANCIS LEWIS CHAPTER S. A. R. AT THE EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF
CAPT. BARACHIAH LEWIS

(From left to right) — Joshua Allen, G. A. R.; President, Isaac Newton Lewis; 3rd V. President, William A. Millard, Jr.;
2nd V. President, H. Percival Lewis; 1st V. President, Lewis E. Vose; George H. Morse, G. A. R.

March 31, 1885 fell asleep at 3 P.M. and never awakened. His widow, by an accident on the ice which caused a broken hip and future helplessness, was ever afterwards the sole care of her daughter at their Monson home.

The last set of twins of Isaac and Susannah, Mary Eliza and Margaret Emily were born Aug. 17, 1818, continued living with their widowed mother until Eliza married John S. Pond of Wrentham, in July 1841. In Oct. 1848 her twin sister, Emily, married George Goodwin of Maine where in Augusta on July 26, 1849 their son Orrin L. Goodwin was born. Emily lived subsequently in Hooksett and Manchester, N. H., where Orrin married. He and his wife moved out West and died there.

Mary Eliza had one child, Ellen A. All three father, mother and child for years were prominent members of their church choir in Norwood, Mass. There they all now rest in its old cemetery. Ellen, during her later years, was a great sufferer from bone disease, which made numerous amputations of one of her lower limbs necessary. Affliction after affliction followed, and she sold her home and died.

AARON⁶ Lewis (*Isaac⁵ Isaac⁴ Capt. Barachiah³ John² William¹*) son of Isaac and Abigail, was born June 25, 1780, died Aug. 30, 1830, married Mary Fales of Wrentham July 23, 1806. He early took up the carpenter's trade. His father, both by will and deed gave him a substantial patrimony. His ancient house is still standing and occupied, and many of us remember well "Aunt Polly," his widow, who never knew her by any other name. She lived next to the schoolhouse, and

must have often been annoyed more or less by inquisitive youth when numerously congregated.

Their children were Mary, born March 28, 1808 died March 28, 1883, married Charles Turner of Medfield and East Boston, foundry man, Jan. 1, 1828. Their daughter, Mary Amanda, for many years taught in the public schools of East Boston with Miss Cudworth. There was also a son Charles Addison born Sept. 26, 1830 but lived but a month.

The next child of Aaron and Mary was Oliver, born Dec. 16, 1811, married Aug. 14, 1834 Lydia B. Clapp of Boston. He was a foundry man in South Reading and Wakefield. His children were Charles O. born Aug. 22, 1835, married Annie Rhoads of Lynn, died March 28, 1885; Mary E. born Dec. 27, 1836, married Joseph Folsom of East Boston; Lydia A. born May 23, 1839; Emily C. born Jan. 25, 1841, married Nathan B. Fletcher of Lynn; Albert, born Jan. 10, 1843; Sarah born Sept. 17, 1844, died March 5, 1845; George born Nov. 1846 married Casendra Maynard of Plymouth; Temperance C. born Nov. 28, 1849, married Walter Holt of Wakefield; Clara A. born May 22, 1850. Mary had two girls, Josephine Mary born May 16, 1860 and Harriet Frances born June 6, 1861; Lydia A. married Henry Richardson of Reading and had George Henry born Feb. 5, 1861, died Nov. 6, 1861; William Oliver born Sept. 26, 1862 and Charles Lyman born Feb. 6, 1867. Emily C. had a child Warren Dec. 1, 1870. George had a daughter Annie Maynard born March 23, 1872.

Aaron's daughter Sarah, born April 22, 1814, married Lyman Morse of Wrentham in Nov. 1834 and died Sept. 27, 1841, leaving one son George Henry, born

Feb. 4, 1837, who early learned a good trade, took a prominent part in public life, and twice enlisted in the Union Army in the Civil War and was on guard duty at Faneuil Hall Boston when our troops disbanded in '65. While a schoolmaster in Virginia, after the war, he met and married a co-worker, Eliza Evans of Culpepper County. In 1870 their first child Franklin Evans was born, who was followed by Sadie, who later married Truman Goldbergh; and by Elmer who has now married and with two sons of their own, live sometimes on the Lyman Morse place on the road from Walpole to Medfield, and sometimes in Brooklyn, N. Y., where the father Elmer has for years been engaged in electrical work.

The next child of Aaron and Mary was Abigail, born Oct. 9, 1817, married Ollis Clapp of Walpole, and died Feb. 9, 1872. They were married Oct. 9, 1832, and had Abbie Ann born Aug. 4, 1840 married George Nickerson of Walpole and had Rosella F. born April 25, 1862; Melissa L. Sept. 1864; Annie B. Oct. 1866; Mary J. 1868, died 1869, 10 months old, and George A. July 1871.

The next child of Abigail and Ollis was Henry Scudder born Sept. 7, 1842 married Sarah Sears of East Dennis, Mass. Their two sons had but brief life, John Henry, born Dec. 26, 1867, died April 18, 1868, and Frank Sears born Oct. 5, 1870, died July 12, 1871.

The next child of Aaron and Mary was Joel, born 1819, died Sept. 25, 1821. His sister Sallie had died July 5, 1810.

The youngest child of Aaron and Mary was fair Clarissa, born April 18, 1825, married George P. Bullard of North Walpole in Nov. 1850. Their first child

was Clara A., born Oct. 20, 1852; married N. Emmons Winslow of Walpole, who had Susie who is the mother of Olive and Gertrude Robinson, she having married George H. Robinson of Walpole; Marion, who is married in New York; Lewis, who is also married; Ernest now married in the West, and Ruth still unmarried. The parents Clara and Emmons have both passed on.

The next child of Clarissa and George was Ella Amanda born May 5, 1856. She died unmarried. Then came Sarah Frances, born Feb. 21, 1859, died June 27, 1861. Then Lizzie Frances, born with all her mother's fairness and charm on Sept. 15, 1861, who after living with her sister Clara a while removed to Salem, Mass. and married Mr. Bigelow of the Salem Cadet Band. Lizzie has a son and daughter who are married and have families now of their own.

Clarissa and George next had George Henry, Nov. 16, 1863, and next William Lewis Mar. 14, 1867.

The next child of patriot Isaac and Abigail was Olive born April 14, 1786 who married Warren Allen of Walpole, and lived where Frank Fisher now lives. All of that property formerly belonged to Warren Allen, whose daughter Olive left it to her husband Lawson D. Gray, Frank Fisher's grandfather. Olive and Warren had several children but all were fated to an early death from consumption. The son Warren born first died first; then Abel who married Mary Nickerson of Monument; then Olive who married Lawson D. Gray and died soon after on Feb. 22, 1837; then Harriet Newhall, Nov. 6, 1834, when just blooming into womanhood. The mother Olive died Nov. 10, 1861.

CHAPTER XII

JOHN⁶ Lewis (*Isaac,⁵ Isaac,⁴ Capt. Barachiah,³ John,² William¹*), son of Isaac and Abigail, born Aug. 13, 1789 married Fannie Smith of Sharon, died Dec. 28, 1826 but 37 years old. He being the youngest son, always lived with his father, patriot Isaac, who greatly favored him in his will, leaving the larger part of his large estate to him at his death, though the son Aaron and his family received a goodly estate near by, and his brother Isaac Jr. was left half of the Fowl Meadow and Cedar Swamp and each child \$150. John was very industrious and enterprising, early went into the butchering business, and kept two or three teams running to and from Boston expressing goods. After several years of signal success, during which he had generously loaned considerable of his funds, he found that he was liable for a partner's outside debts. This so broke his spirit that his health failed, and finally he died a prematurely old man, leaving his wife and family with a much less patrimony than honesty and justice demanded. On his death, his widow and three small children husbanded what was left after the sale of the homestead on which was an unusually large barn, of which Major John A. Gould had recently served as master builder, and by John's special directions, had set it true to north, south, east and west side points, still standing and in daily use, and made themselves a new home on the near by Maxey place, so closely connected with patriot Isaac and the Princeton frigate explosion in President Tyler's time. The children of John and Fanny were John, born July

19, 1817; Fanny born Aug. 6 1819; Irene, born Sept. 2, 1821, died soon after; and Olive A. Jan. 24, 1824. John Jr. on July 18, 1843, after teaching school and studying for the ministry at Andover and New York, married Electa M. Page, daughter of the eminent preacher of the Gospel, Rev. Harlan Page, and entered the Home Missionary field in Wisconsin, being for a while in the service of the Home Board at Hazel Green, but soon became the pastor of the church of Platteville, where he preached until his death Sept. 22, 1860; despite a health voyage to Italy and the best medical care and skill. He left an adopted child.

The second child of John and Fanny was Fanny S. born Oct. 6, 1819 married the Rev. Henry M. Scudder of New York April 18, 1844, the son of the early missionary to India. He was born at Cenditerif, Ceylon, Feb. 5, 1812, and came to this country when ten years old for an education in his father's home land. Both his father and Vida Scudder are well known. At the Union Theological Seminary, New York, he and Fanny met, and after marriage entered service of the American Board of Foreign Missions. On May 6, 1844 they set sail for Madras, India, where years later the voyaging writer followed them, bringing home many pieces of coin of the native gold and copper coinage, ornaments and books of travel and discovery. At Madras Fanny labored six years and then moved to the Ascot district, establishing there a new mission. After thirteen long years there, the health of the husband failed, and they were sent home here to recuperate. For two years they lived and preached in New York City. In May 1860, the husband went to Switzerland, remaining there five months, and then overland returned to India. After



FRENCH TEACHER OF MANNERS AND
MORALS, MISS MARY ROBICHAUX



FANNY S. SCUDDER (NÉE FANNY S. LEWIS)
*School-teacher, and for eighteen years missionary to
India*

some five years on the Naiglherry Hills, India, when the husband's health again broke down, they were sent home again. At Jersey City, San Francisco, and Central Congregational, Brooklyn, N. Y., churches he preached until death. Fanny's children were John, born at Madras, India, Sept. 12, 1845, died Feb. 24, 1847; Harriet W., Madras, May 4, 1847, married Capt. L. L. Janes, Military Instructor of Japan in 1868. Fanny L., Madras, May 12, 1849, died May 14, same year; Katherine S., Madras Sept. 15, 1850; Henry M., Ascot, Mar. 23, 1852; John L., Wallajapet, Dec. 5, 1853; William W., Vellosa, Aug. 6, 1855; died there Jan. 9, 1857; Joseph Melancthon, Cooner, June 15, 1857, died at Vellosa Dec. 10, 1857; Doremus, New York City Dec. 15, 1858, and Fannie Haines, Leonard Mar. 10, 1861. John and Doremus after graduating at Yale, entered the ministry, and are now in New Jersey and California. Katherine died some years ago in California. Fannie H. married Henry C. Ordway, and has married children in Winchester, Mass., where her father and mother died.

No one can feel how inexpressibly hard it is for the writer to draw this labor of love to its close without including the many beautiful tributes he has run across to those who have now passed on, especially those paid to Judith M., Fanny S., Olive and their mother Fanny, and among others the \$100,000 bequest to education by Lewis F. Fales, two College Fellowships by Isaac Newton Lewis and the literary work of Fred Holland Day. It is utterly impossible for him in his advanced age to do more than to add in respect to Washington now on his 200th anniversary and to all in these pages mentioned what, as Commandant of the Washington Guards, and other similar organizations, he once arranged for final farewell:

FAREWELL

(Handel)

(Lewis)

Rest, rest, rest now faithful mortal rest:
Sleep, sleep, sleep thou, God thy toil hath blest.
March, march, march we, loyal, tried and true,
March, march, march, our tribute ever due;
March, march, march while millions our ranks swell,
March, march, march, all hail! Farewell! Farewell!
(Repeat last four lines)

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End of Book and Life

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